

AMADEUS results and future plan



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Low-energy QCD in the u-d-s sector

$$\mathcal{L}_{eff} = \mathcal{L}_{mesons}(\Phi) + \mathcal{L}_B(\Phi, \Psi_B)$$

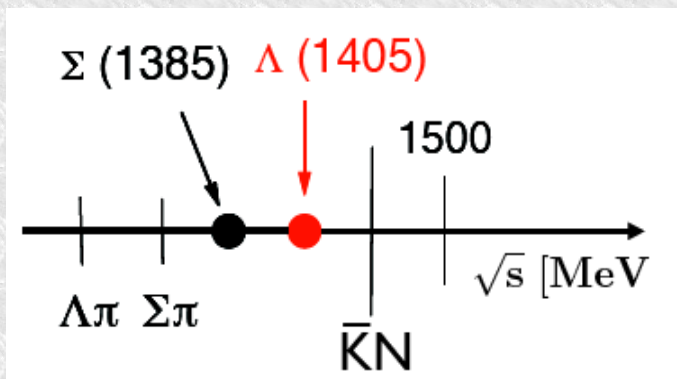
- Chiral perturbation theory: interacting systems of N-G bosons (pions, kaons) coupled to baryons works well for $\pi\pi$, πN , K^+N ..
NOT for K^-N !!

- $K^- = (s\bar{u})$ strangeness = -1 , $K^+ = (\bar{u}s)$ strangeness = +1

strange baryons stable respect to strong interaction all have $s = -1$

- the sub-threshold region is dominated by resonances \rightarrow complex multichannel dynamics

$\Lambda(1405)$ just below $\bar{K}N$ threshold (1432 MeV)

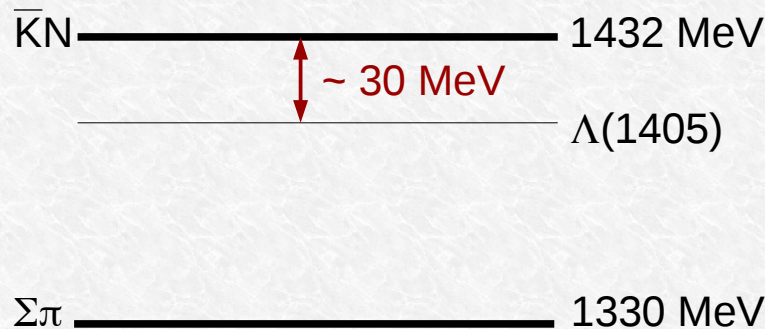


Possible solutions:

- Non-perturbative Coupled Channels approach: Chiral Unitary SU(3) Dynamics
- phenomenological $\bar{K}N$ and NN potentials

The $\Lambda(1405)$ case

Mass = $1405.1^{+1.3}_{-1.0}$ MeV,
Width = 50.5 ± 2.0 MeV
 $I = 0, S = -1, J^P = 1/2^-$,
 Status: ****,
 strong decay into $\Sigma\pi$

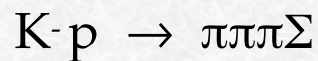


- 3 quark?
- **molecular?**
- **$\bar{K}N$ bound state?**
- pentaquark?

Theoretical prediction Dalitz-Tuan (1959)

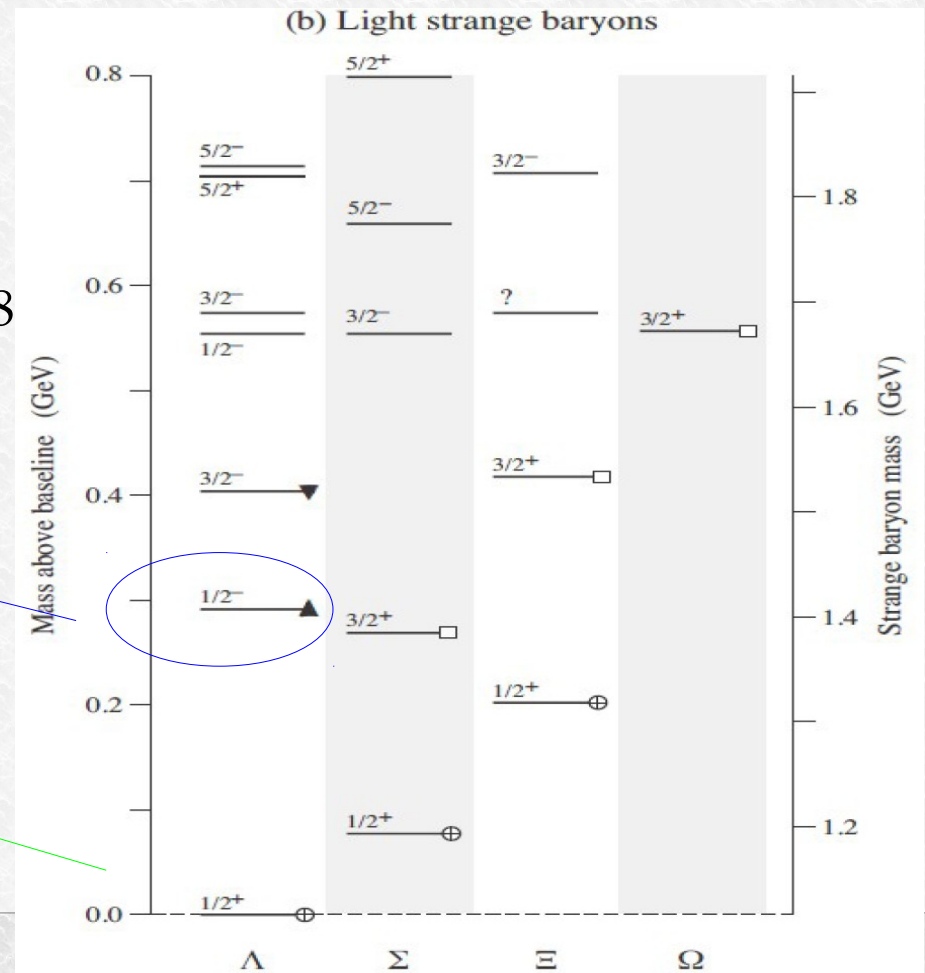
First experimental evidence:

M. H. Alston, et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. 6 (1961) 698



$\Lambda(1405)$

$\Lambda(1116)$



The $\Lambda(1405)$ case

$\Lambda(1405)$ is located slightly below the \overline{KN} threshold (1432 MeV)

Three quark model picture difficulties to reproduce the $\Lambda(1405)$:

- According to its negative parity, one of the quarks has to be excited to $l = 1$
- nucleon sector, we find the $N(1535) \rightarrow$ the expected mass of the Λ^* is around 1700 MeV
- too big energy splitting observed between the $\Lambda(1405)$ and the $\Lambda(1520)$ interpreted as the spin-orbit partner ($J^p = 3/2^-$).
- pentaquark ($4q + qbar$ in $l = 0$), but also predicts other, unobserved, excited baryons,

R. Dalitz and collaborators first suggested to interpret $\Lambda(1405)$ as an \overline{KN} quasibound state.

R.H. Dalitz, T.C. Wong and G. Rajasekaran, Phys. Rev. **153** (1967) 1617.

The $\Lambda(1405)$ case

BUBBLE CHAMBER search of the $\Lambda(1405)$:

- O. Braun et al. Nucl. Phys. B129 (1977) 1

K⁻ induced reactions on d $\rightarrow \Sigma^- \pi^+ n$ the resonance is found & 1420 MeV

- D. W. Thomas et al., Nucl. Phys. B56 (1973) 15

pion induced reaction $\pi^- p \rightarrow K^+ \pi^- \Sigma$ the resonance is found & 1405 MeV

- R. J. Hemingway, Nucl. Phys. B253 (1985) 742

K⁻ p $\rightarrow \pi^- \Sigma^+(1660) \rightarrow \pi^- (\pi^+ \Lambda(1405)) \rightarrow \pi^- \pi^+ (\pi^- \Sigma)$ & 4.2 GeV

analysed by Dalitz and Deloff $M = 1406.5 \pm 4.0$ MeV, $\Gamma = 50 \pm 2$ MeV

The $\Lambda(1405)$ case

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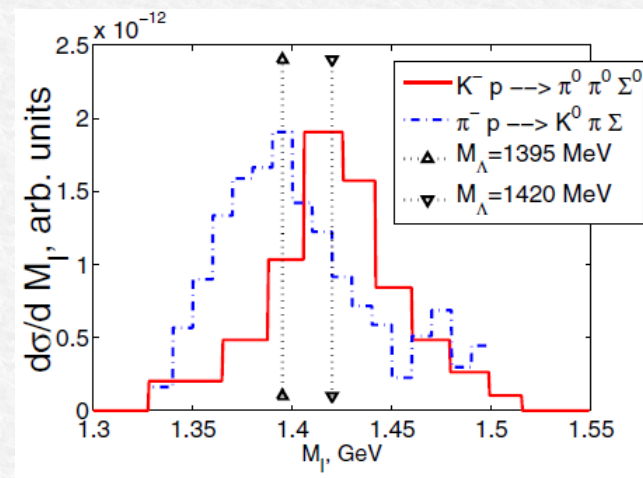
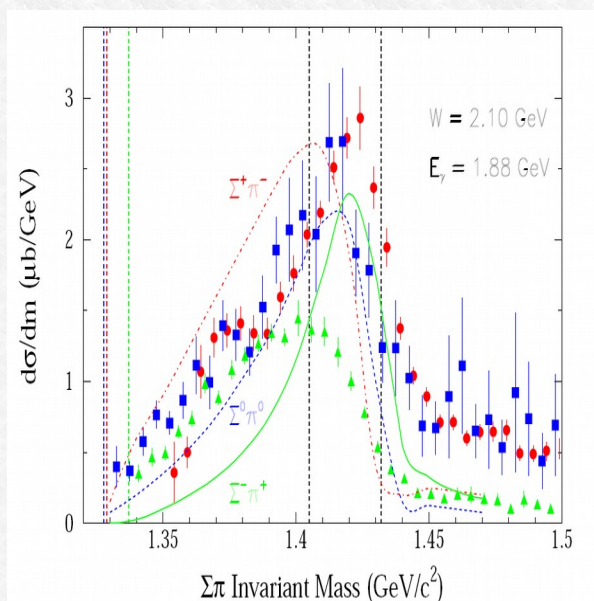
THE CLEANEST SIGNATURE OF THE $\Lambda(1405)$ IS GIVEN BY THE NEUTRAL CHANNEL:

- is free from isospin interference
- is purely $I = 0$, no $\Sigma(1385)$ contamination.

$\Lambda(1405)$.. the golden channel

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(interpreted by Magas et al. PRL 95, 052301 (2005))



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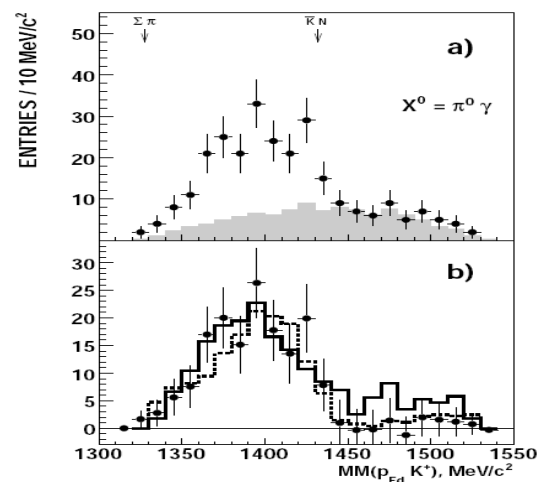
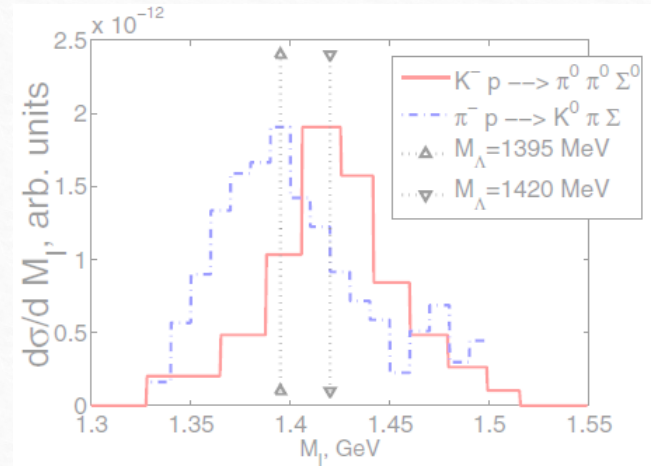


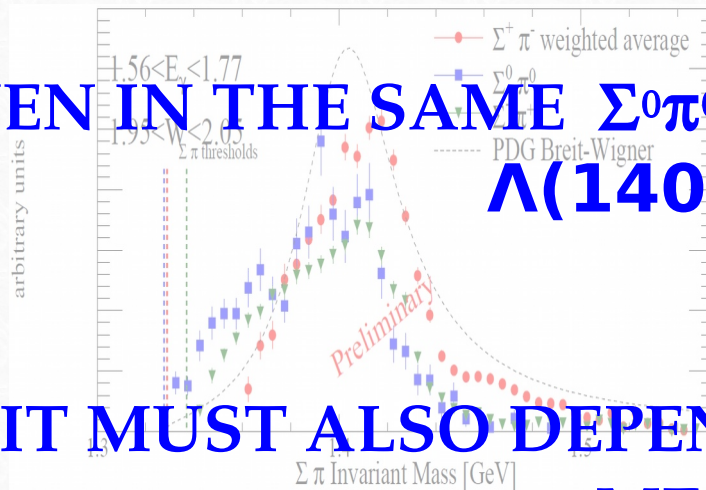
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EVEN IN THE SAME $\Sigma^0 \pi^0$ THE "LINE-SHAPE" OF THE $\Lambda(1405)$ CHANGES



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IT MUST ALSO DEPEND ON THE PRODUCTION MECHANISM

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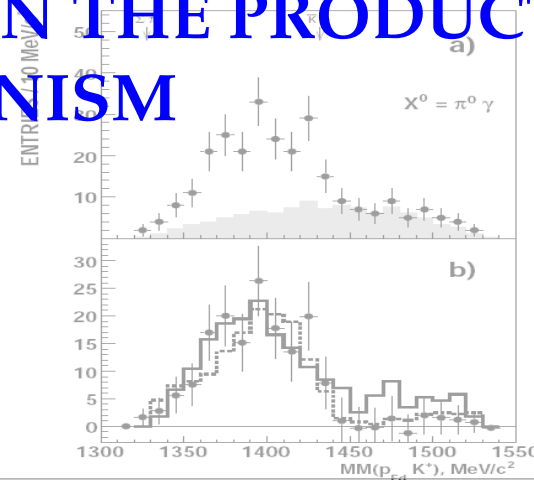


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- Chiral unitary models: $\Lambda(1405)$ is an $I = 0$ quasibound state emerging from the coupling between the $\bar{K}N$ and the $\Sigma\pi$ channels. Two poles in the neighborhood of the $\Lambda(1405)$:

two poles: about 1420 ; about = 1380 MeV

Phys. Lett. B 500 (2001), Phys. Rev. C 66 (2002), (Nucl. Phys. A 725(2003) 181) .. many others .. (Nucl. Phys. A881, 98 (2012)) .. others

mainly coupled to $\bar{K}N$

mainly coupled to $\Sigma\pi$

→ line-shape depends on production mechanism

- Akaishi-Esmaili-Yamazaki phenomenological potential

Phys. Lett. B 686 (2010) 23-28 Confirmation of single pole ansatz?

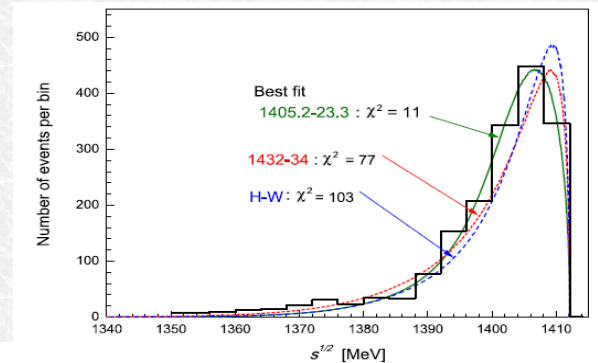
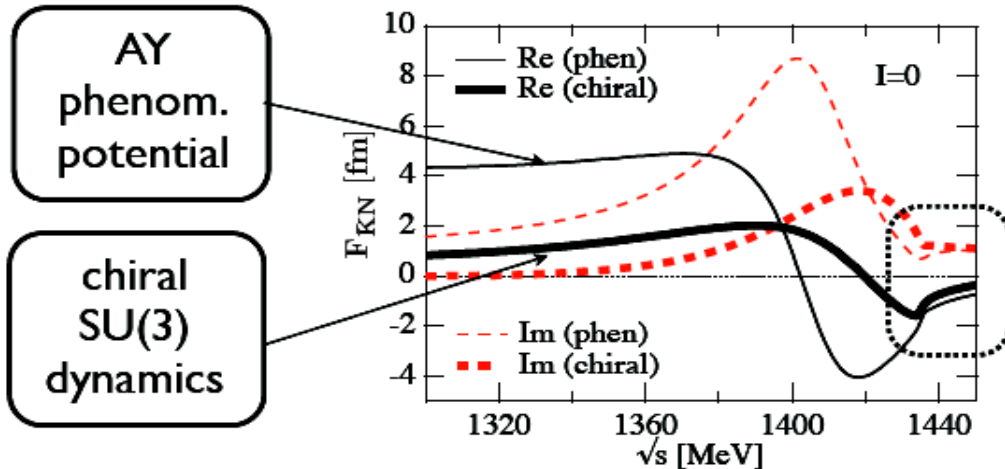
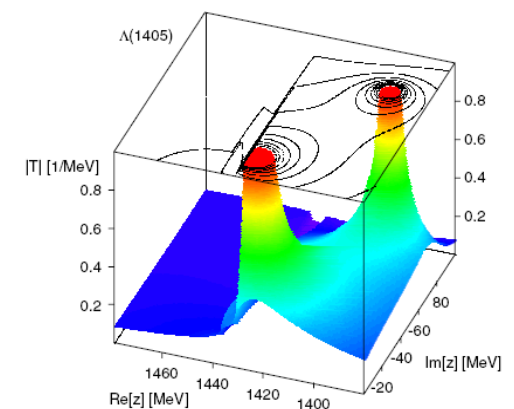


Fig. 6. Detailed differences in $M_{\Sigma\pi}$ spectra among the Hyodo-Weise prediction and the present model predictions.



large differences in subthreshold extrapolations



- Chiral dynamics predicts significantly **weaker attraction** than AY (local, energy independent) potential in **far-subthreshold** region

The $\Lambda(1405)$ case

Two main **biases**:

- the **kinematical energy threshold 1412 MeV**
($M_K + M_p - |BE_p|$) the high pole energy region is closed,
- The **shape and the amplitude of the NON-RESONANT $\Sigma\pi$ production** below $K\bar{p}N$ threshold is unknown.

An ideal experiment:

- $\Lambda(1405)$ is produced in K^- - p absorption \rightarrow mainly coupled to the high mass pole,
- $\Lambda(1405)$ is observed in the $\Sigma^0\pi^0$ decay channel (pure isospin 0),
- K^- is absorbed in-flight on a bound proton with $p_K \sim 100$ MeV, $\Sigma\pi$ invariant mass gain of ~ 10 MeV to open an energy window to the high mass pole.
- Knowledge of the $\Sigma\pi$ NON-RESONANT production amplitude.

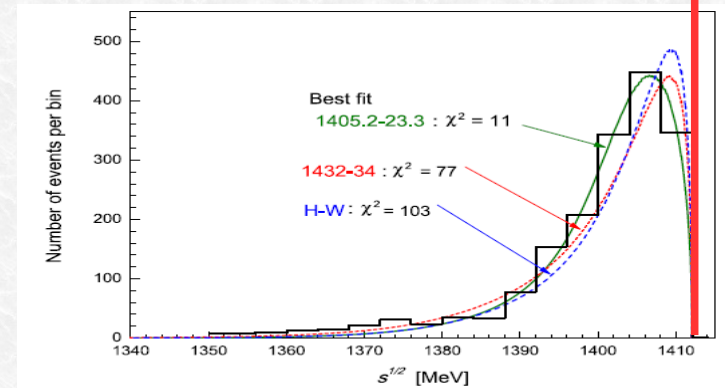
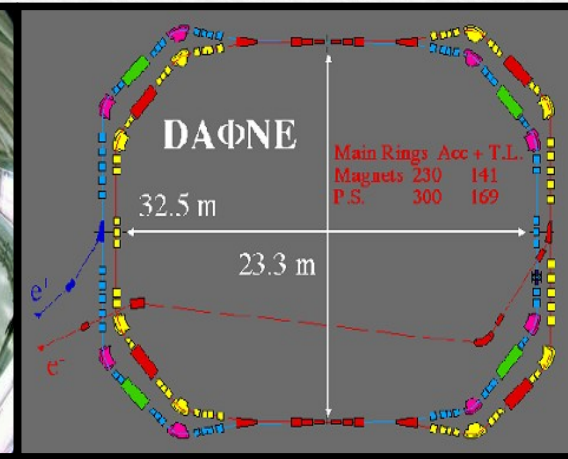
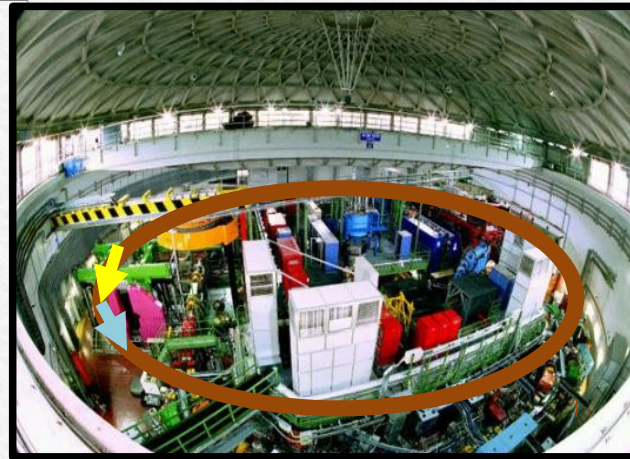


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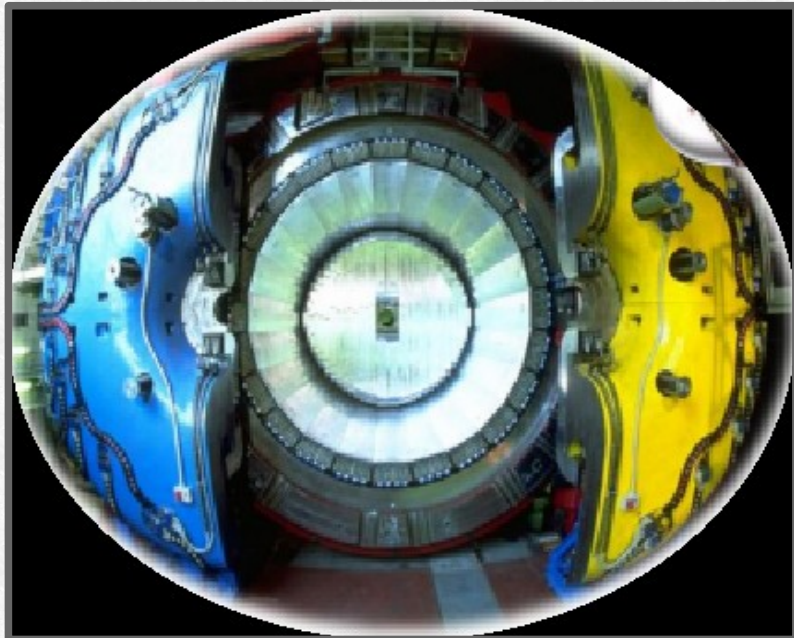
AMADEUS & DAΦNE

DAΦNE

- double ring e^+e^- collider working at C.M. energy of ϕ , producing $\approx 1000 \phi /s$
 - $\phi \rightarrow K^+K^-$ (BR = $(49.2 \pm 0.6)\%$)
 - **low momentum** Kaons $\approx 127 \text{ Mev}/c$
 - **back to back** K^+K^- topology



AMADEUS step 0 \rightarrow KLOE 2004-2005 dataset analysis ($\mathcal{L} = 1.74 \text{ pb}^{-1}$)



KLOE

- Cylindrical drift chamber with a **4π geometry** and electromagnetic calorimeter
 - **96% acceptance**
- optimized in the energy range of all **charged particles** involved
- **good performance** in detecting **photons and neutrons** checked by kloNe group

[M. Anelli et al., Nucl Inst. Meth. A 581, 368 (2007)]

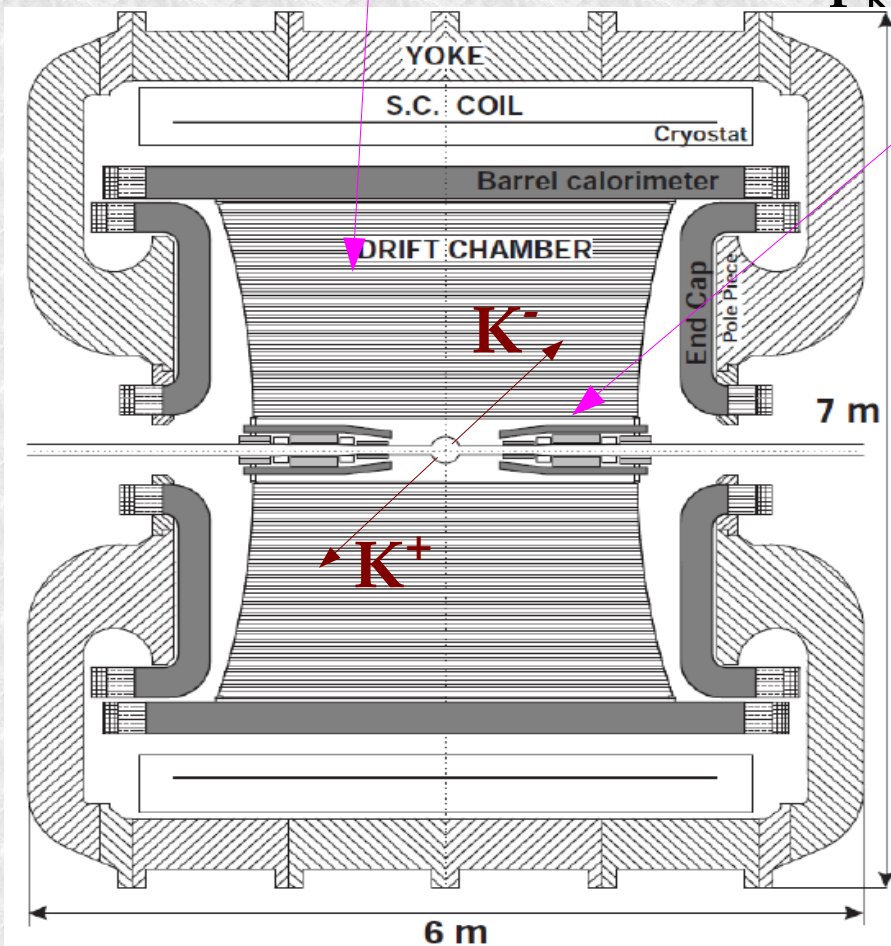
K⁻ absorption on light nuclei

from the materials of the KLOE detector

DC gas (90% He, 10% C₄H₁₀) & DC wall (C + H)

AT-REST (K⁻ absorbed from atomic orbit) or IN-FLIGHT

(p_K ~ 100 MeV)



Advantage:

excellent resolution ..

$$\sigma_{p\Lambda} = 0.49 \pm 0.01 \text{ MeV}/c \text{ in DC gas}$$

$$\sigma_{m_{\gamma\gamma}} = 18.3 \pm 0.6 \text{ MeV}/c^2$$

Disadvantage:

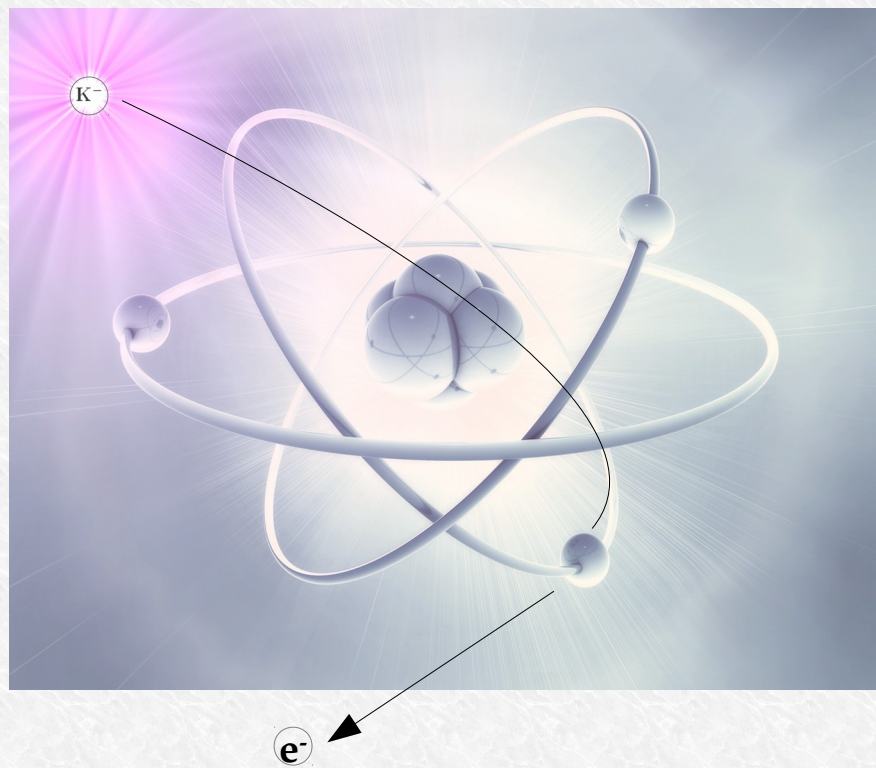
Not dedicated target → **different nuclei contamination** → complex interpretation .. but
→ **new features .. K⁻ in flight absorption.**

At-rest VS in-flight K^- captures

AT-REST

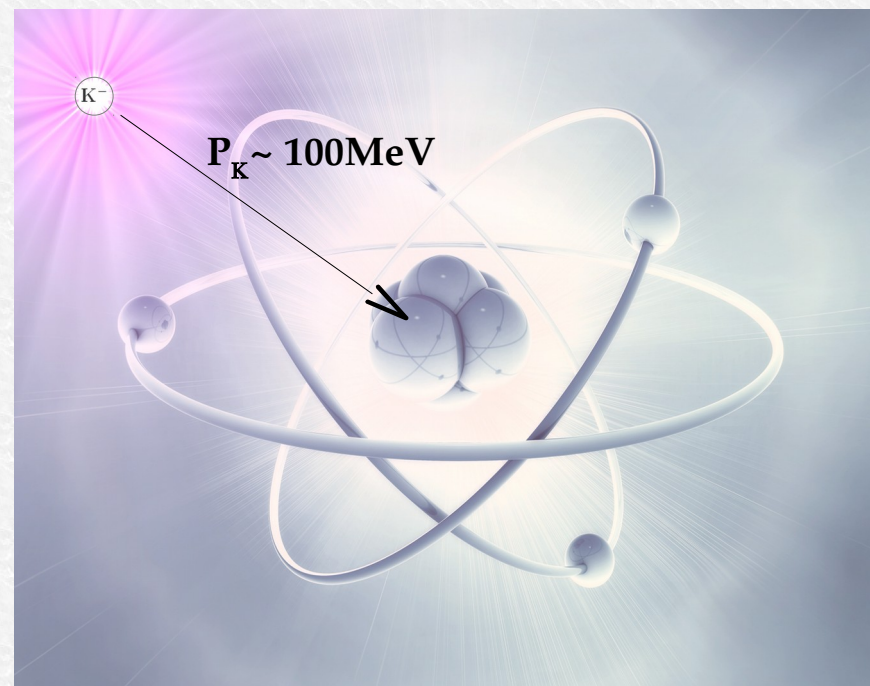
K^- absorbed from atomic orbit

($p_K \sim 0$ MeV)



IN-FLIGHT

($p_K \sim 100$ MeV)



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Low energy QCD in strangeness sector is still waiting for experimental conclusive constrains on:

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**K⁻ - N single nucleon absorption
the case of the $\Lambda(1405)$**

$\Lambda(1405)$ case

Phys.Rev.Lett.95:052301,2005

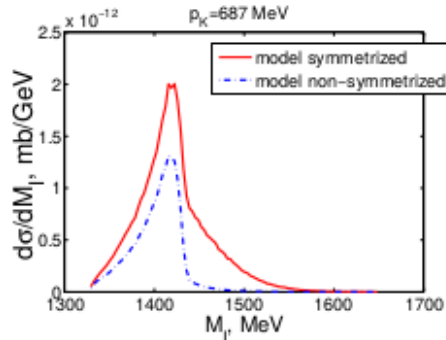


FIG. 4: Theoretical ($\pi^0\Sigma^0$) invariant mass distribution for an initial kaon lab momenta of 687 MeV. The non-symmetrized distribution also contains the factor 1/2 in the cross section.

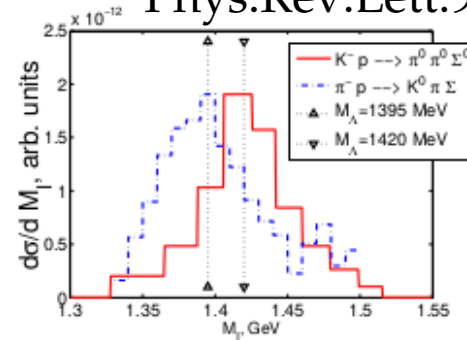
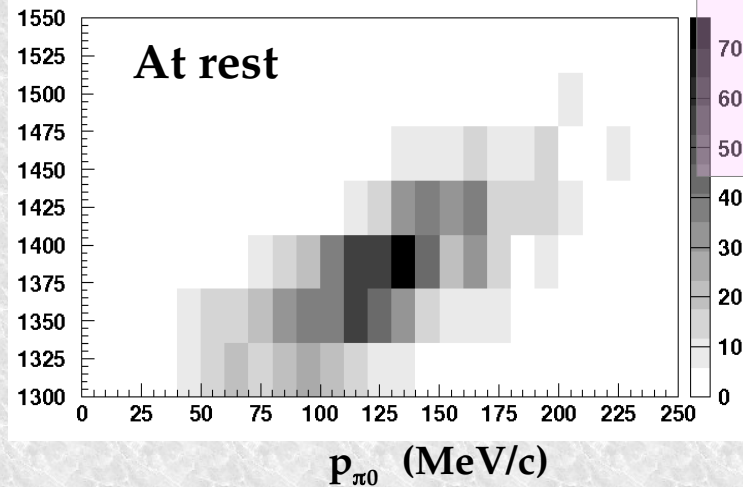
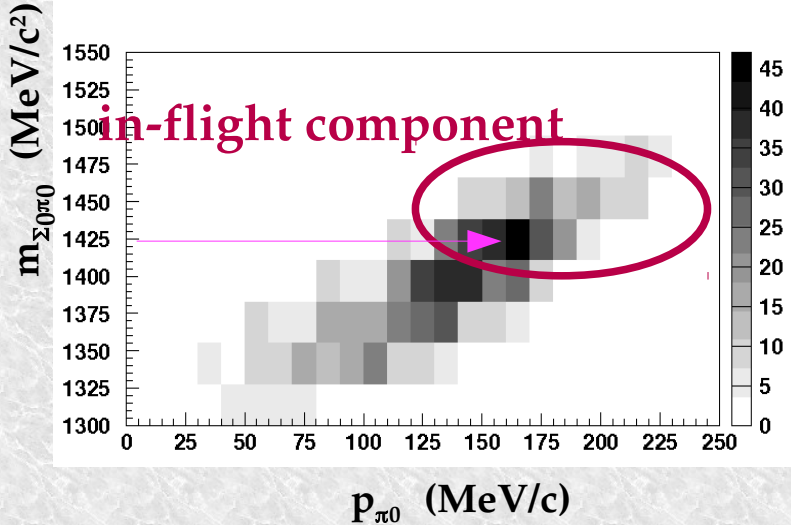
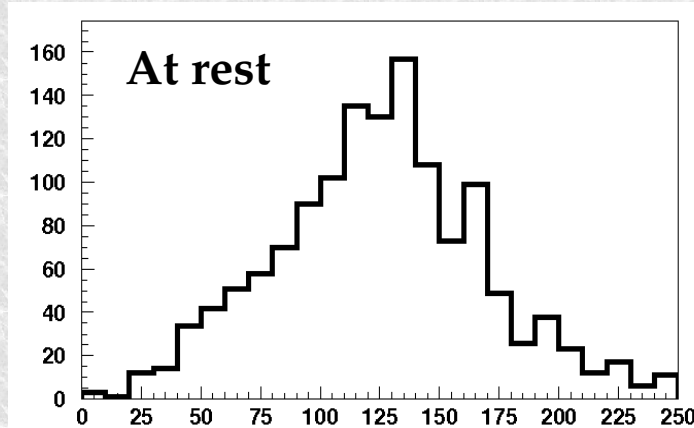
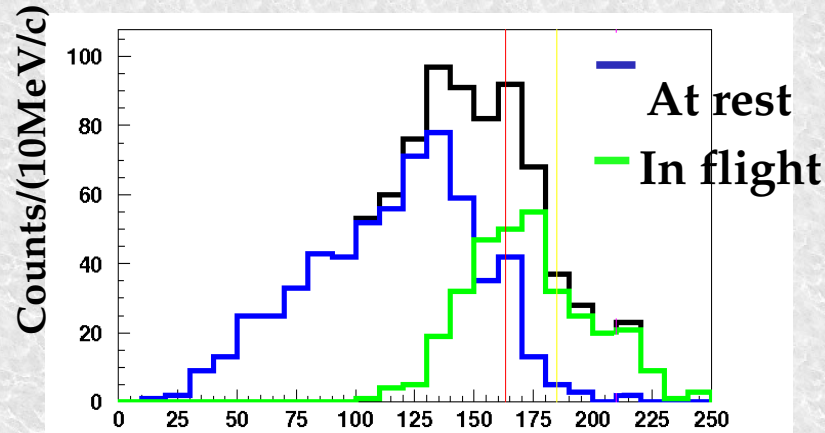


FIG. 5: Two experimental shapes of $\Lambda(1405)$ resonance. See text for more details.

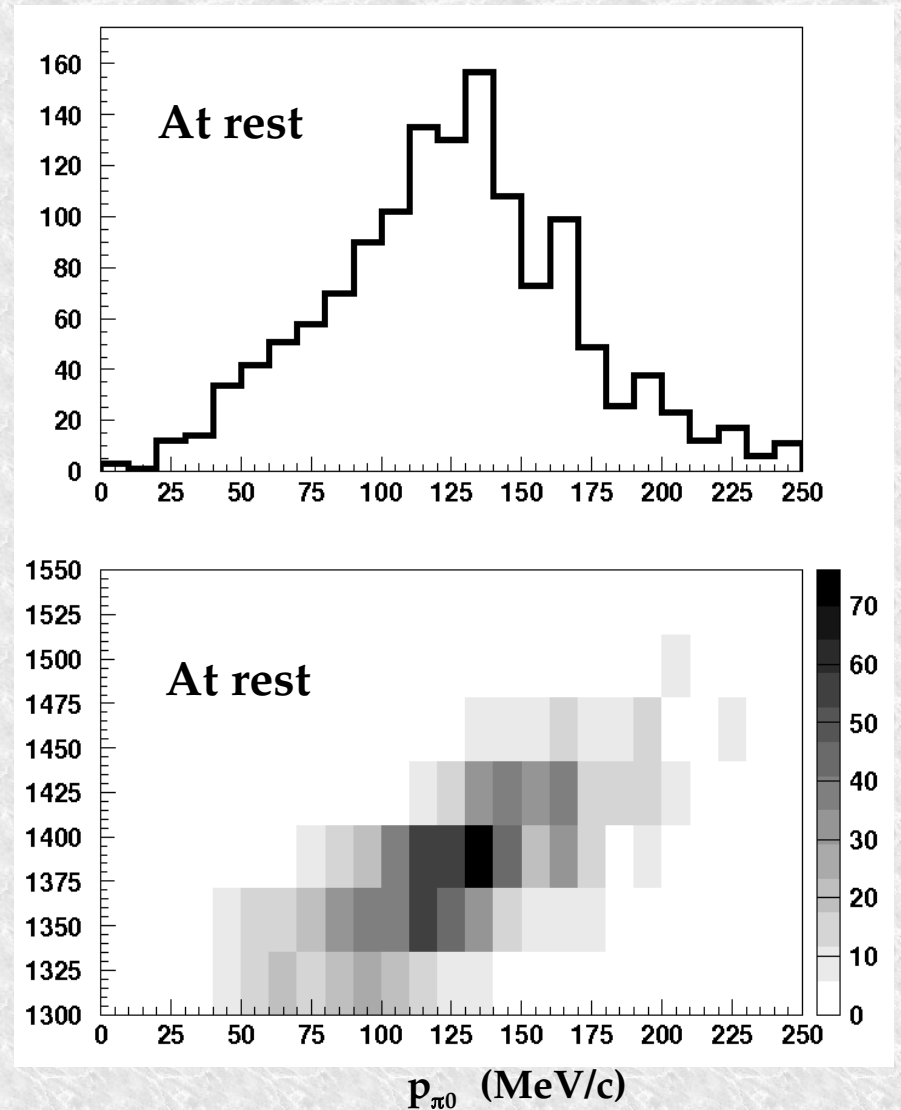
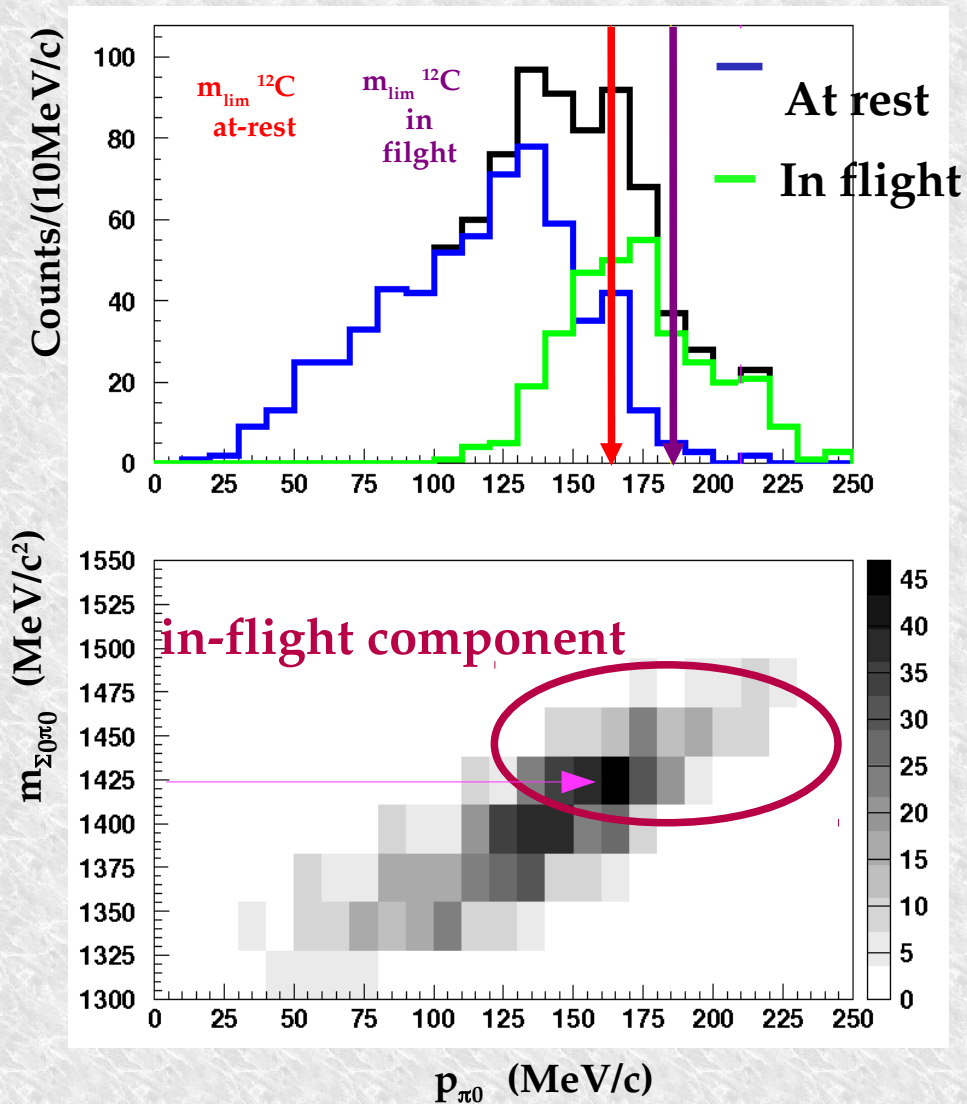
p_{π^0} resolution: $\sigma_p \approx 12 \text{ MeV}/c$



IN-FLIGHT
K-12C
opens a window
between 1416 MeV
and K-Nth

Complex interpretation due to K- H absorptions ongoing with the collaboration of A. Cieply (UJF, Prague)

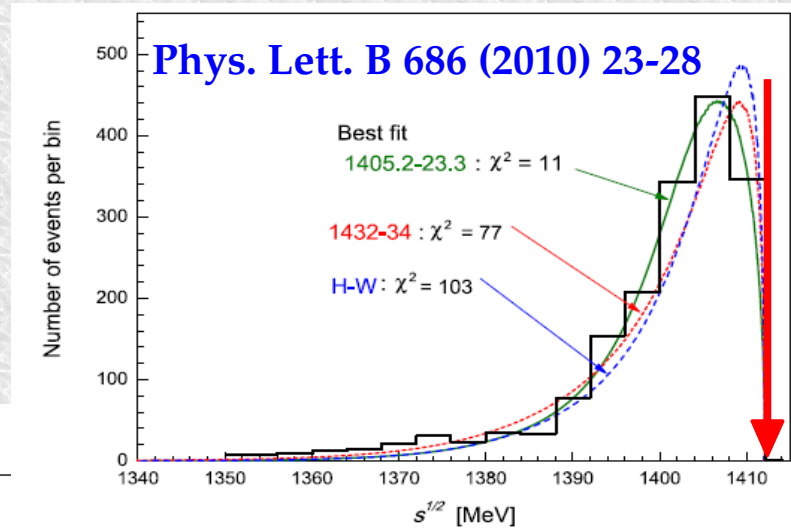
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Possibility to disentangle: **Hydrogen**, **in-flight**, **at-rest**, K^- capture



p_{π^-} resolution: $\sigma_p \approx 1$ MeV/c

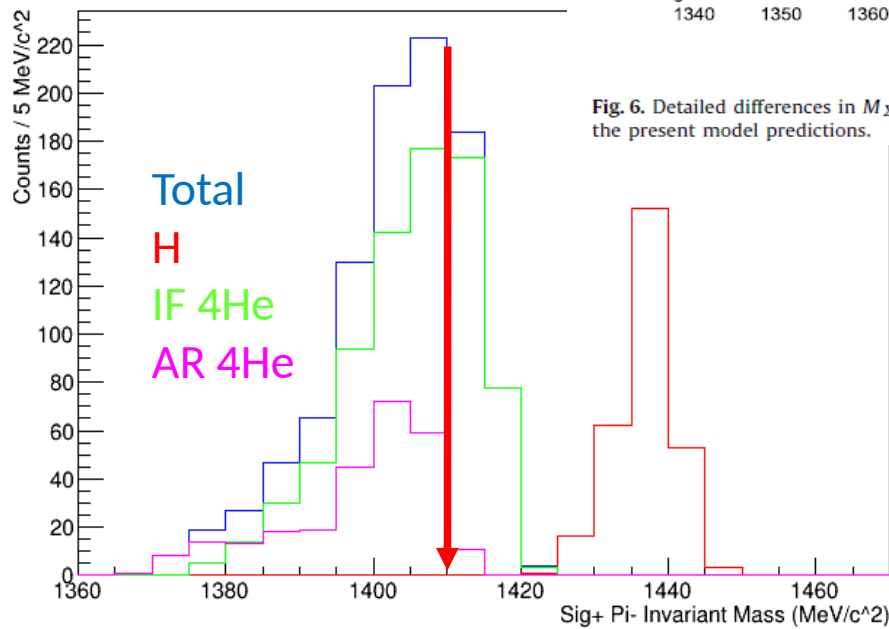
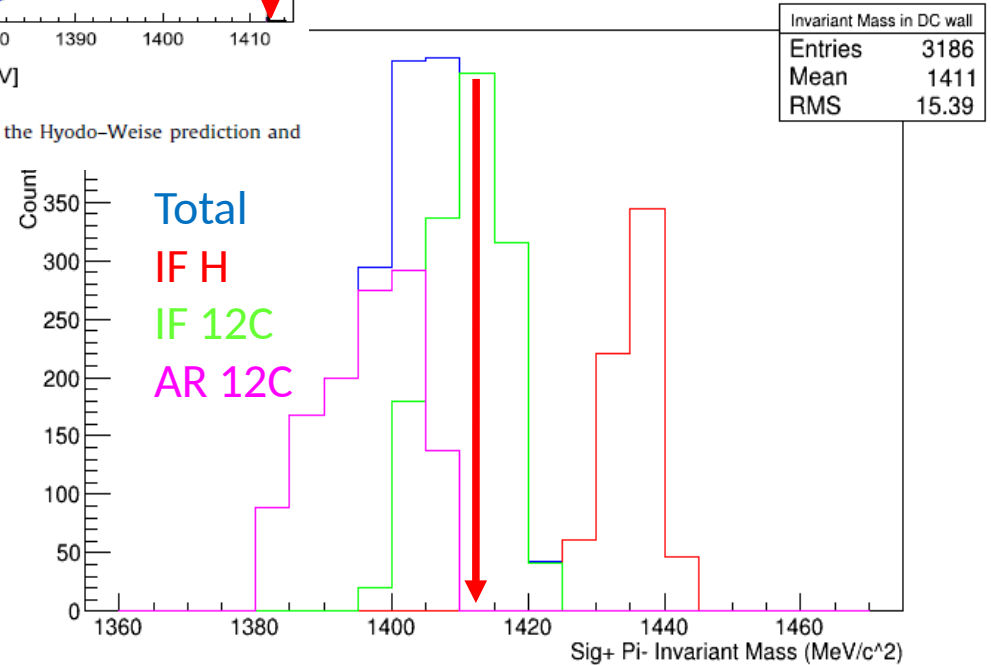


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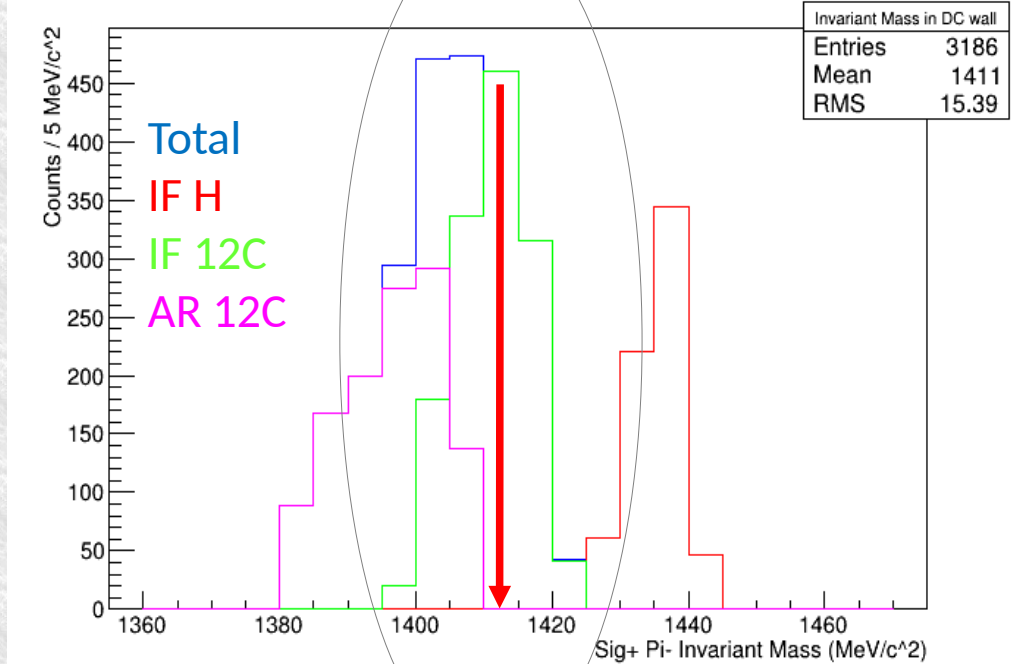
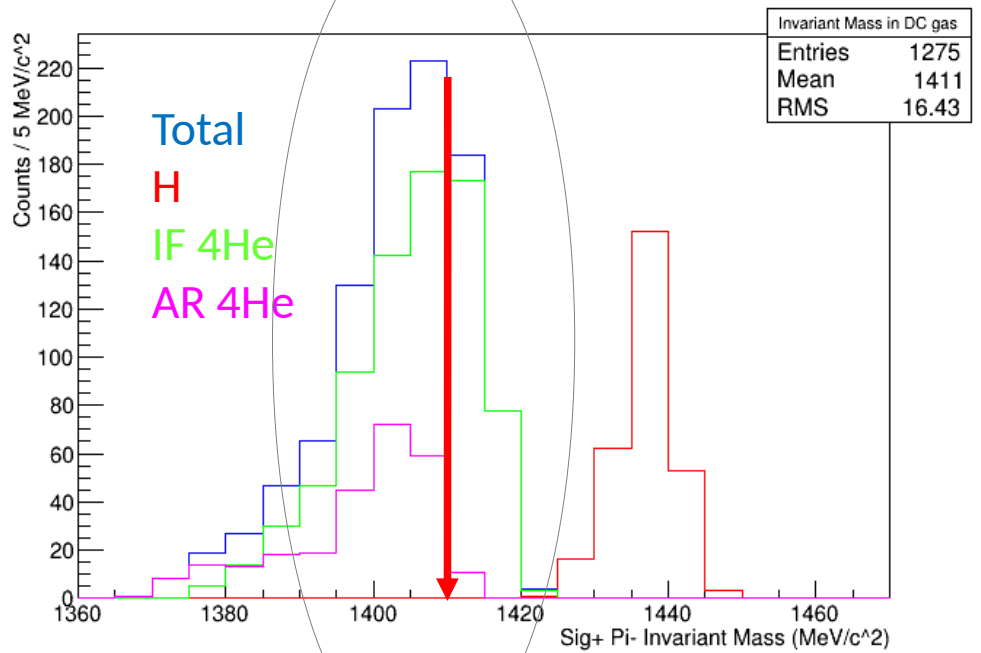


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if resonant production contribution is important a high mass component appears!



Resonant VS non-resonant

$$K^- N \rightarrow (Y^* ?) \rightarrow Y \pi$$

in medium, how much comes from resonance ?

Non resonant transition amplitude:

- Never measured before below threshold
(33 MeV below threshold):

$$E_{K_n} = -|B_n| - \frac{p_3^2}{2\mu_{\pi, \Lambda, 3He}},$$

- few, old theoretical calculations
(Nucl. Phys. B179 (1981) 33-48)

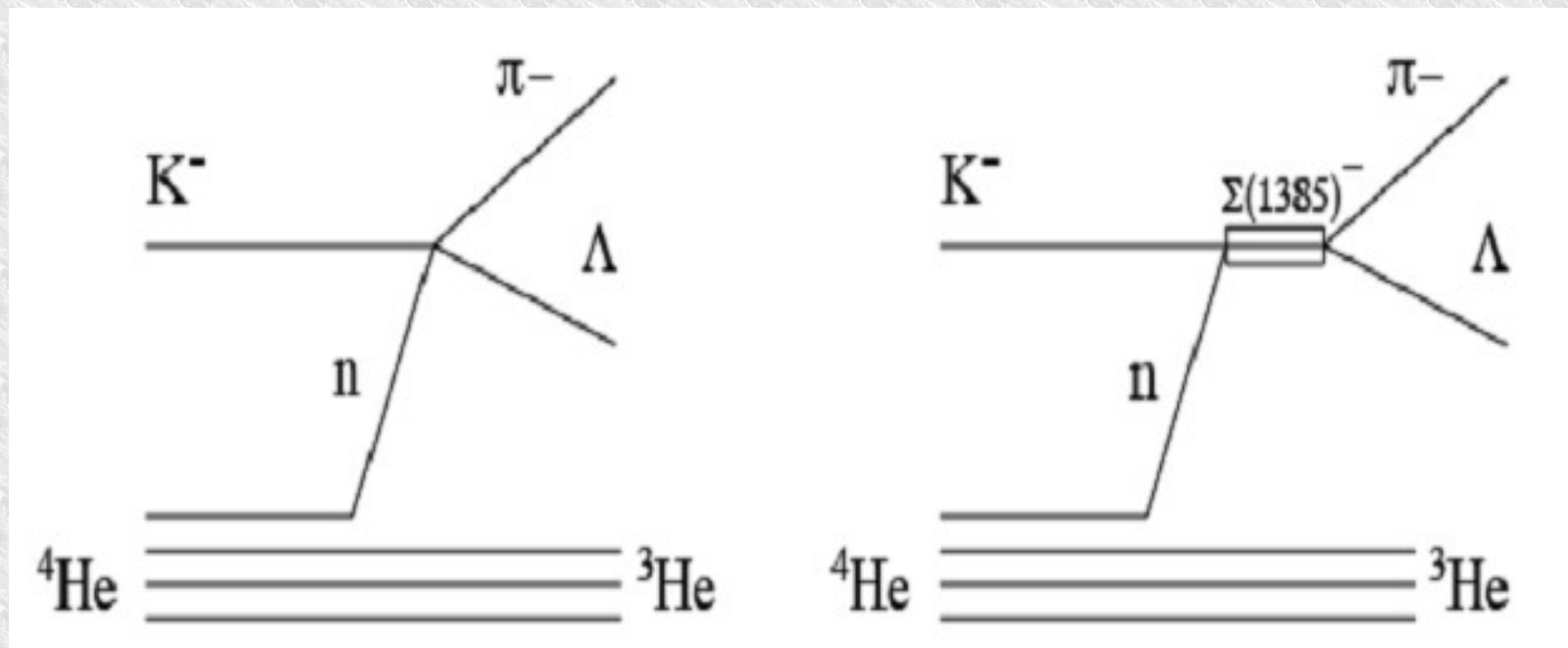
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Investigated using:

$K^- "n" \rightarrow \Lambda \pi^-$ direct formation in ${}^4\text{He}$

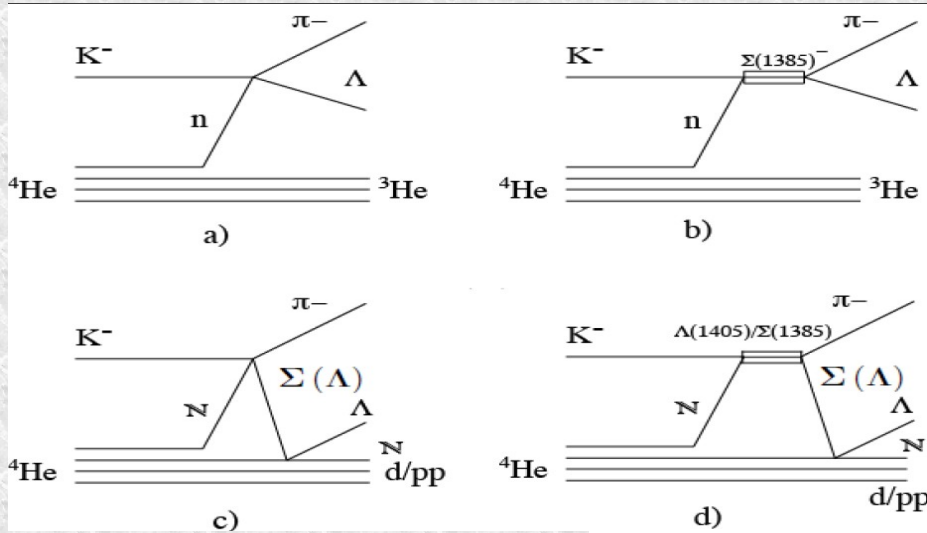
the goal is to measure $|f^{N-R}_{\Lambda\pi}(\mathbf{I}=1)|$

to get information on $|f^{N-R}_{\Sigma\pi}(\mathbf{I}=0)|$



$K^- \ ^4\text{He} \rightarrow \Lambda p^- \ ^3\text{He}$ resonant and non-resonant processes

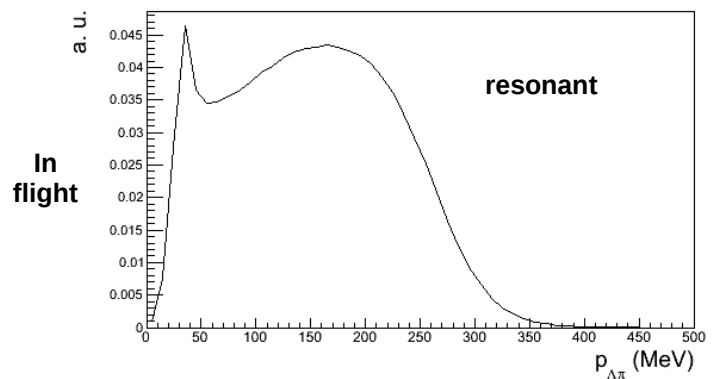
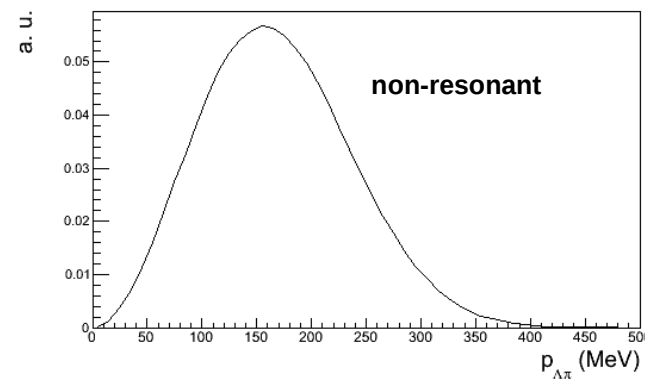
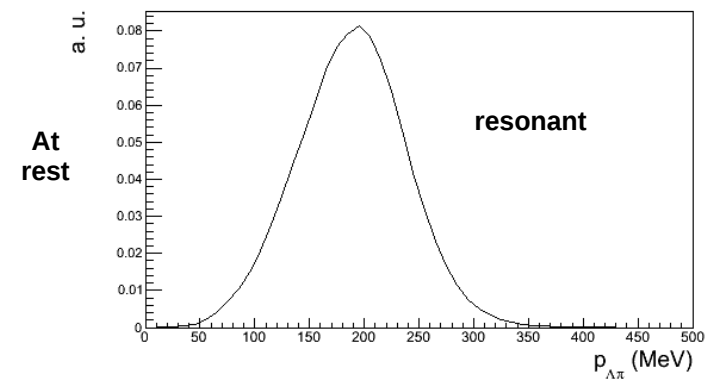
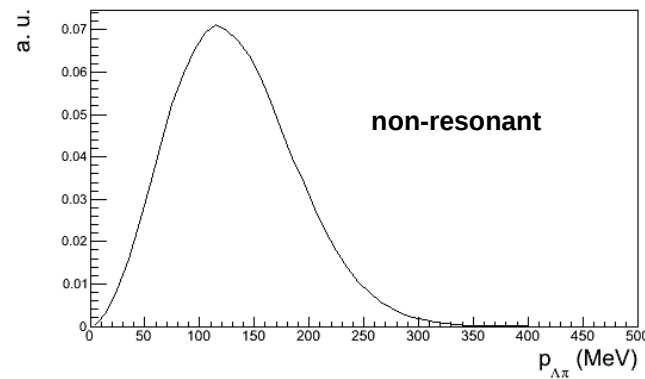
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Theoretical shapes for :

total $\Lambda\pi^-$ momentum spectra for the resonant (Σ^*) and non-resonant ($l = 1$) processes were calculated, for both S-state and P-state K^- capture at-rest and in-flight. Corrections to the amplitudes due to Λ/π final state interactions were estimated.

Collaboration with
S. Wycech



How to extract the $K^- n \rightarrow \Lambda \pi^-$ non resonant transition amplitude

simultaneous fit ($p_{\Lambda\pi^-} - m_{\Lambda\pi^-} - \cos(\theta_{\Lambda\pi^-})$) with signal  and background  processes :

- non resonant K^- capture at-rest from S states in ${}^4\text{He}$
- resonant K^- capture at-rest from S states in ${}^4\text{He}$
- non resonant K^- capture in-flight in ${}^4\text{He}$
- resonant K^- capture in-flight in ${}^4\text{He}$

- primary $\Sigma\pi^-$ production followed by the $\Sigma N \rightarrow \Lambda N'$ conversion process
- K^- capture processes in ${}^{12}\text{C}$ giving rise to $\Lambda\pi^-$ in the final state

In order to extract:

NR-ar/RES-ar

&

NR-if/RES-if

Results for the $K^- n \rightarrow \Lambda \pi^-$ non resonant transition amplitude

Channels	Ratio/Amplitude	σ_{stat}	σ_{syst}
RES-ar/NR-ar	0.39	± 0.04	$+0.18$ -0.07
RES-if/NR-if	0.23	± 0.03	$+0.23$ -0.22
NR-ar	12.00 %	± 1.66 %	$+1.96$ % -2.77 %
NR-if	19.24 %	± 4.38 %	$+5.90$ % -3.33 %
$\Sigma \rightarrow \Lambda$ conv.	2.16 %	± 0.30 %	$+1.62$ % -0.83 %
$K^-^{12}\text{C}$ capture	57.00 %	± 1.23 %	$+2.21$ % -3.19 %

Preliminary

TABLE I. Resonant to non-resonant ratios and amplitude of the different channels extracted from the fit of the $\Lambda \pi^-$ sample. The statistical and systematic errors are also shown. See text for details.

extracted:
NR-ar/RES-ar & NR-if/RES-if

Simultaneous momentum – angle – mass fit

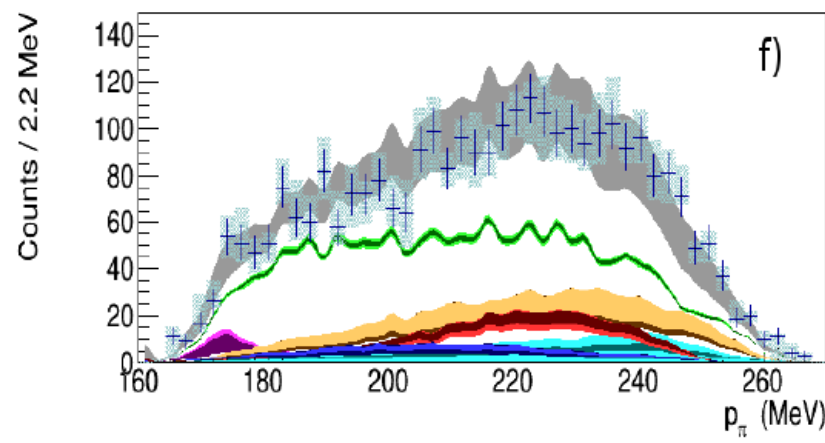
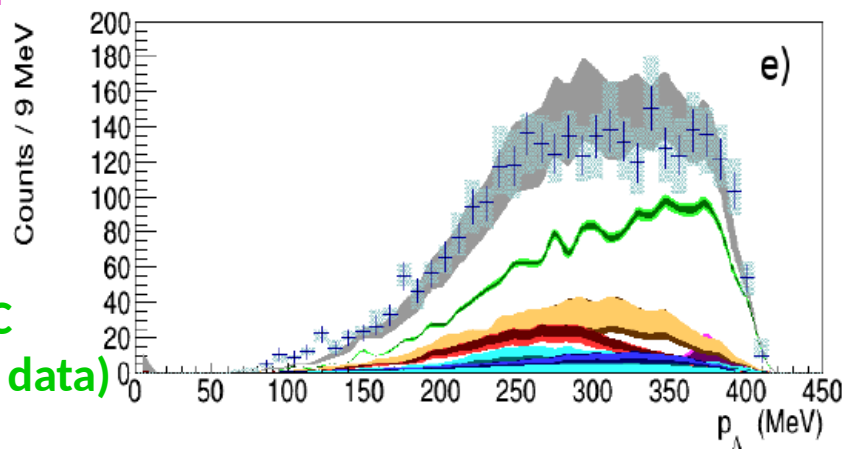
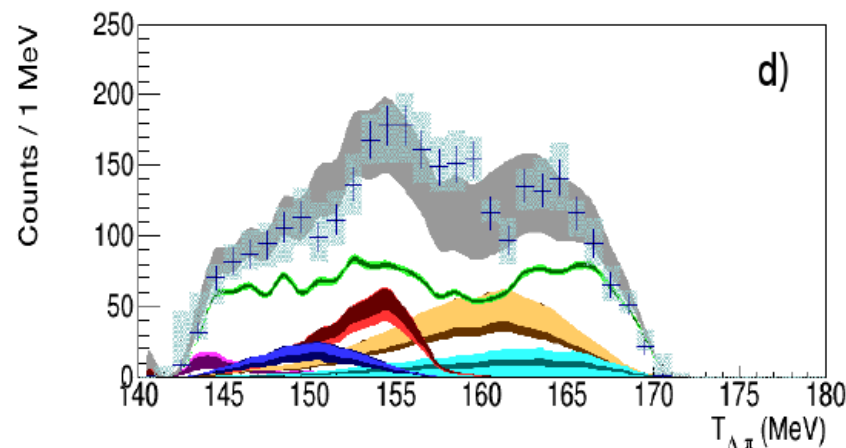
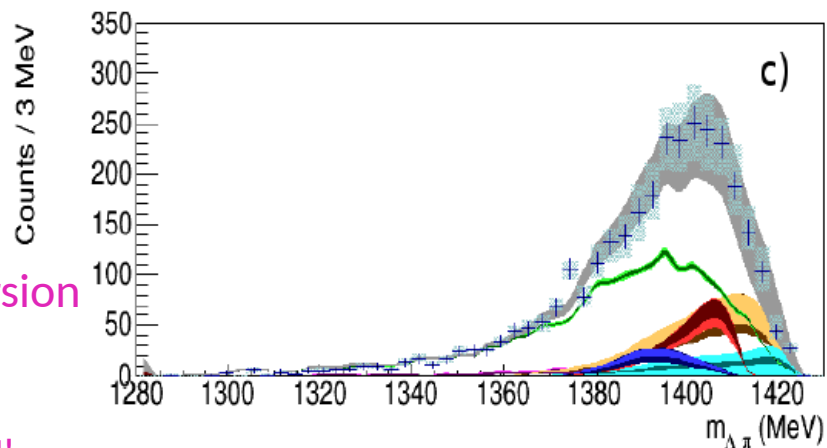
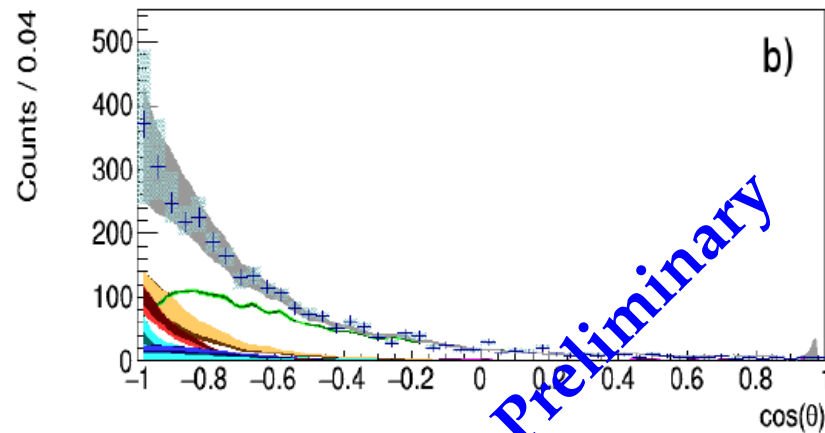
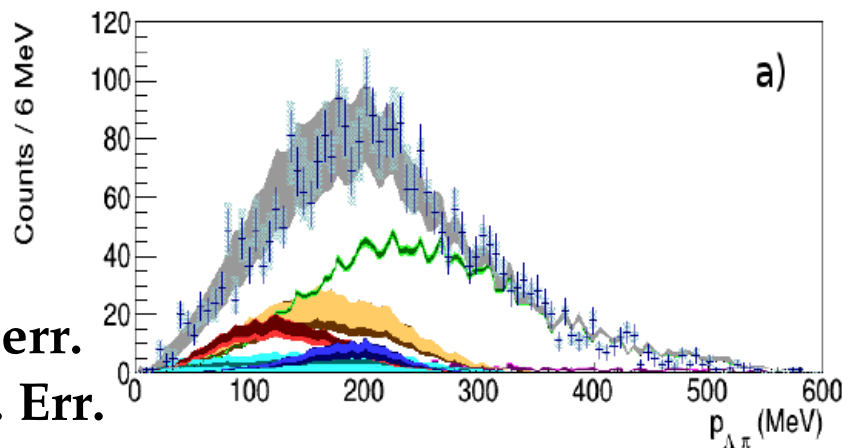
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Σ/Λ nuclear conversion

$K-N \rightarrow \Sigma \pi$

$\rightarrow \Sigma N \rightarrow \Lambda N'$

Absorptions in ^{12}C
(from Carbon wall data)

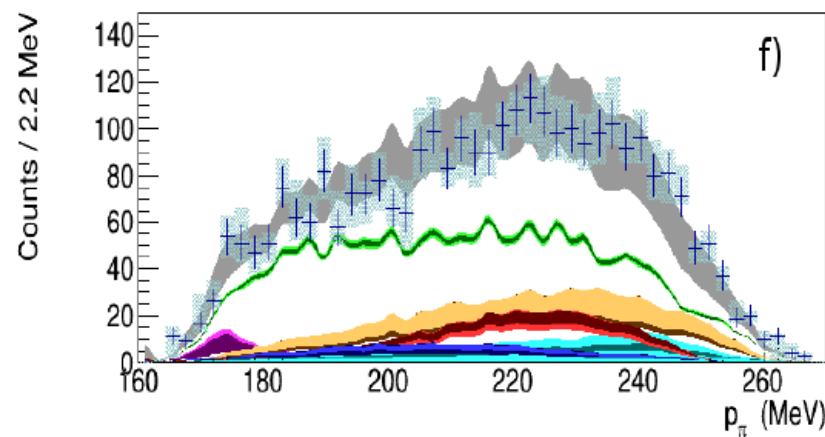
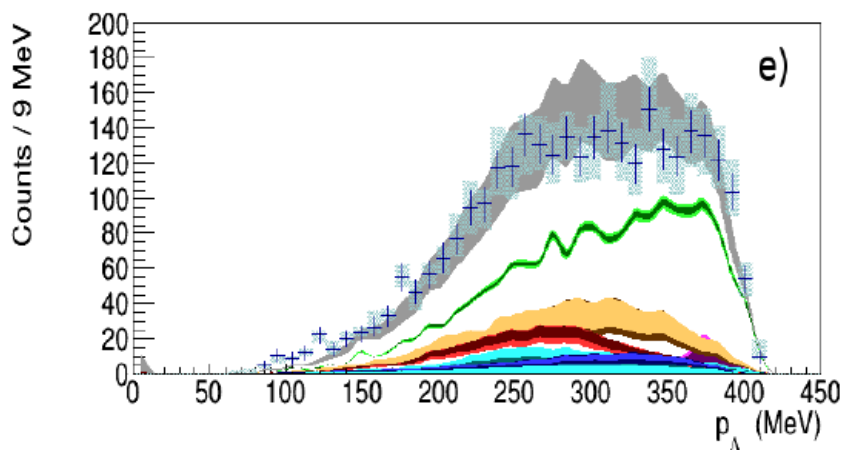
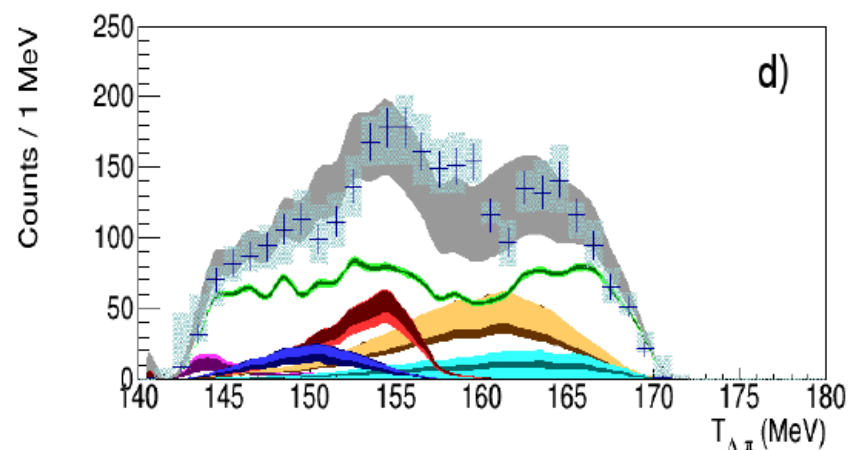
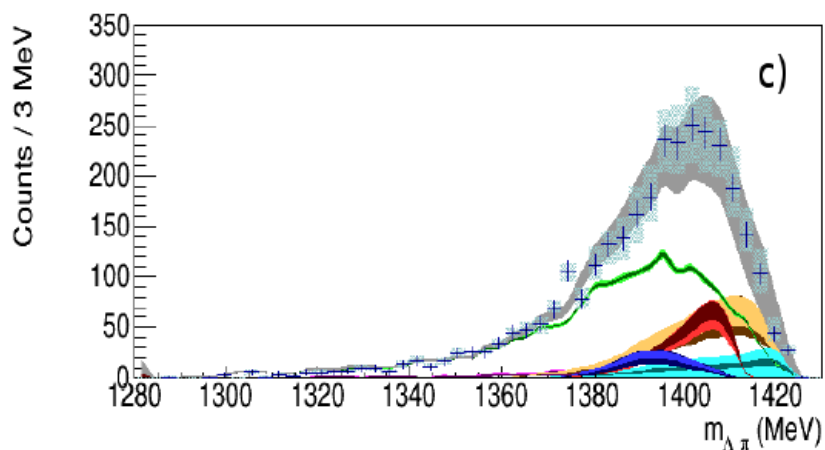
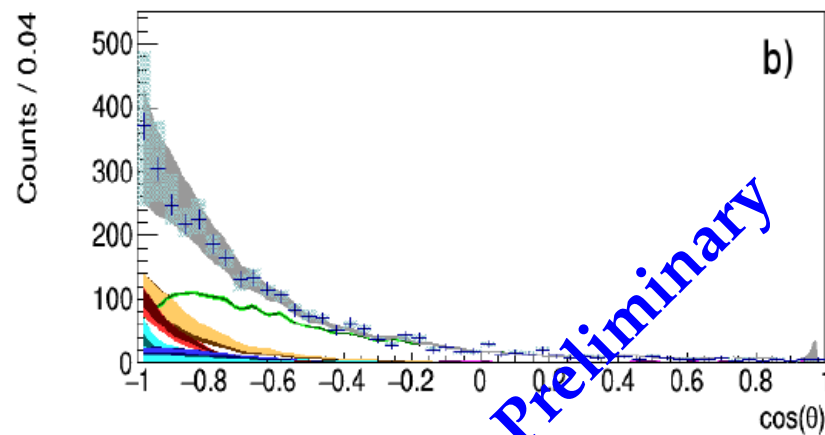
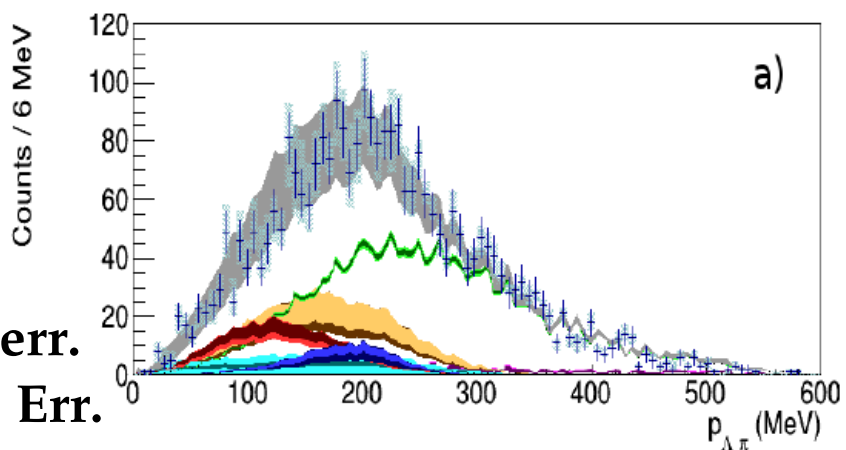


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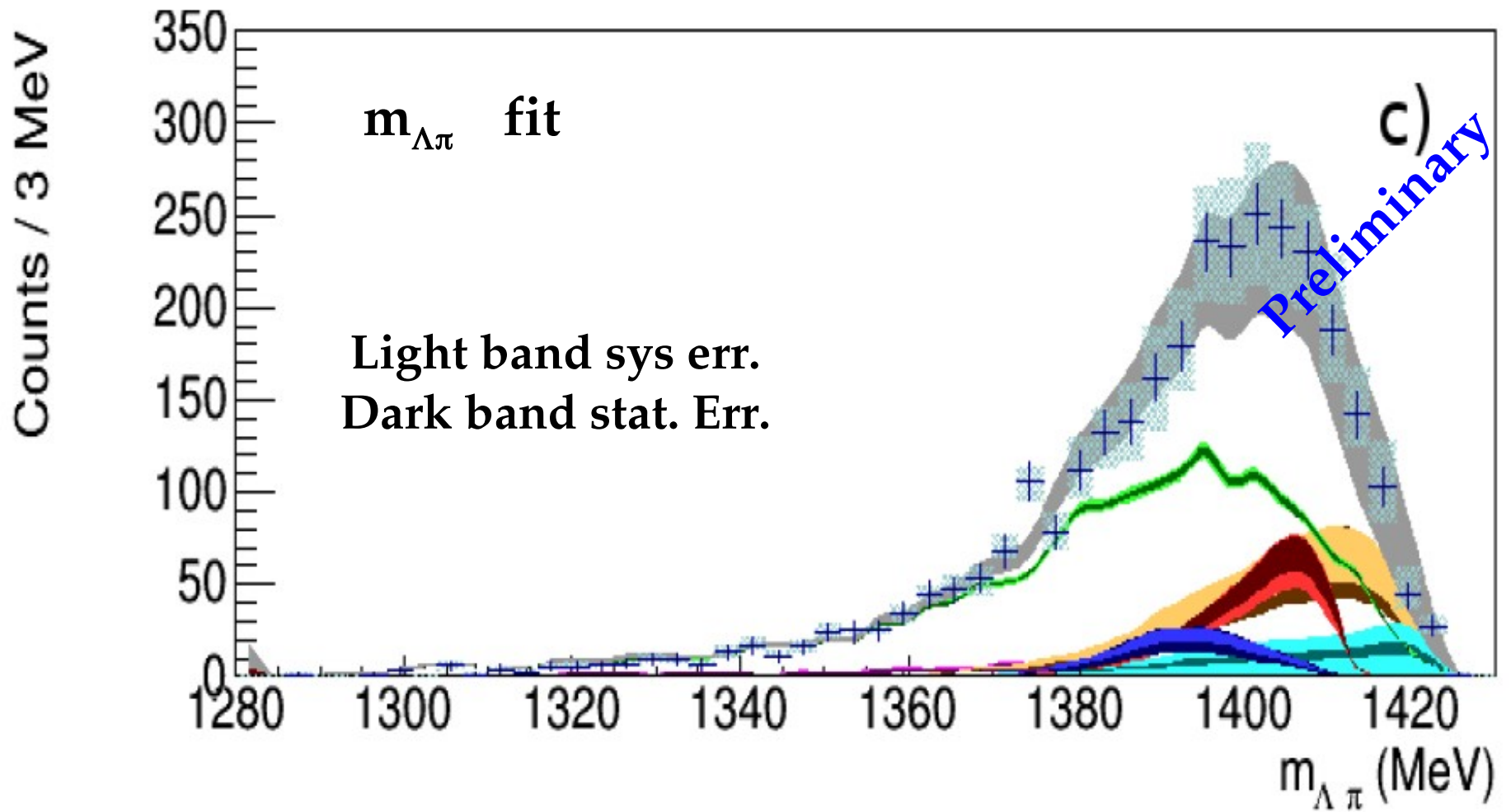
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Non-Resonant
(at-rest)
(in-flight)

Resonant Σ^*
(at-rest)
(in-flight)



Comparison



Non-Resonant
(at-rest)
(in-flight)

Resonant Σ^*
(at-rest)
(in-flight)

Outcome of the measurement

From the well known Σ^* transition probability:

Preliminary

$$\frac{\text{NR} - \text{ar}}{\text{RES} - \text{ar}} = \frac{\int_0^{p_{max}} P_{ar}^{nr}(p_{\Lambda\pi}) dp_{\Lambda\pi}}{\int_0^{p_{max}} P_{ar}^{res}(p_{\Lambda\pi}) dp_{\Lambda\pi}} =$$

$$\Rightarrow |f_{ar}^s| = (0.334 \pm 0.018 \text{ stat}_{-0.058}^{+0.034} \text{ syst}) \text{ fm} .$$

$$= |f_{ar}^s|^2 \cdot 8,94 \cdot 10^5 \text{ MeV}^2 .$$

The sub-threshold result is compatible with corresponding values extracted from $K^- p \rightarrow \Lambda \pi^0$ cross sections above threshold

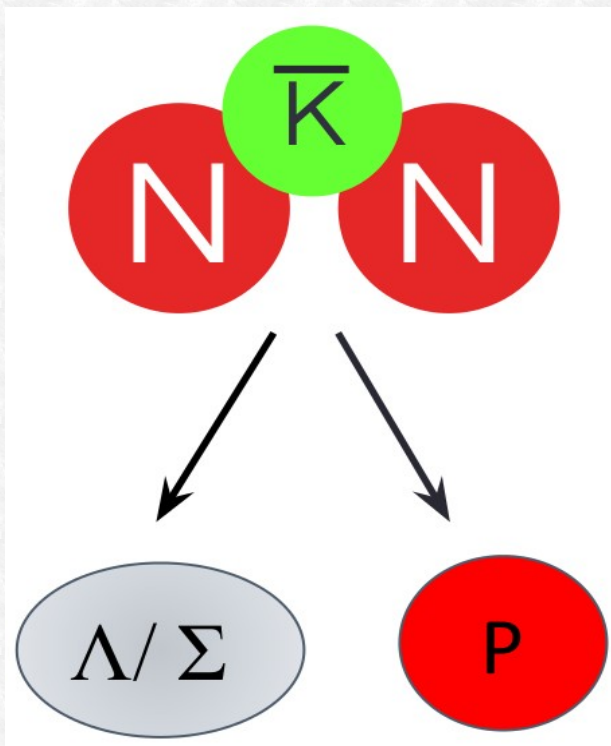
J. K. Kim, Columbia University Report, Nevis 149 (1966)

J. K. Kim, Phys Rev Lett, 19 (1977) 1074:

$E = -33 \text{ MeV}$	$p_{lab} = 120 \text{ MeV}$	160 MeV	200 MeV	245 MeV
$0.334 \pm 0.018 \text{ stat}_{-0.058}^{+0.034} \text{ syst}$	0.33(11)	0.29(10)	0.24 (6)	0.28(2)

**K⁻ - multiN absorption and search
for bound states**

How deep can an antikaon be bound in a nucleus?



Possible Bound States:

$$\begin{aligned} (K^- pp) &\rightarrow \Lambda p \\ &\rightarrow \Sigma^0 p \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} (K^- ppn) &\rightarrow \Lambda d \\ &\rightarrow \Sigma^0 d \end{aligned}$$

predicted due to the strong $\bar{K}N$ interaction in the $I=0$ channel.

[Wycech (1986) - Akaishi & Yamazaki (2002)]

K⁻pp bound state

....at the end of 2015

	Dote,Hyodo, Weise	Akaishi, Yamazaki	Barnea, Gal, Liverts	Ikeda, Sato	Ikeda, Kamano,Sato	Schevchenko ,Gal, Mares	Revai, Schevchenko	Maeda, Akaishi, Yamazaki
B (MeV)	17-23	48	16	60-95	9-16	50-70	32	51.5
Γ (MeV)	40-70	61	41	45-80	34-46	90-110	49	61
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Interaction	Chiral	Phenom.	Chiral	Chiral	Chiral	Phenom.	Chiral	Phenom.

Experiments reporting DBKNS		
KEK-PS E549	T. Suzuki et al. MPLA23, 2520-2523 (2008)	
FINUDA	M. Agnello et al. PRL94, 212303 (2005)	Extraction of a signal
DISTO	T. Yamazaki et al. PRL104 (2010)	Extraction of a signal
OBELIX	G. Bendiscioli et al. NPA789, 222 (2007)	Extraction of a signal
HADES	G. Agakishiev et al. PLB742, 242-248 (2015)	Upper limit
LEPS/SPring-8	A.O. Tokiyasu et al. PLB728, 616-621 (2014)	Upper limit
J-PARC E15	T. Hashimoto et al. PTEP, 061D01 (2015)	Upper limit
J-PARC E27	Y. Ichikawa et al. PTEP, 021D01 (2015)	Extraction of a signal

How deep can an antikaon be bound in a nucleus?

K⁻pp bound state....the theory

Chiral SU(3)-based (Energy dependent) → Shallow ~20 MeV

Phenomenological (Energy independent) → Deep ~40-70 MeV

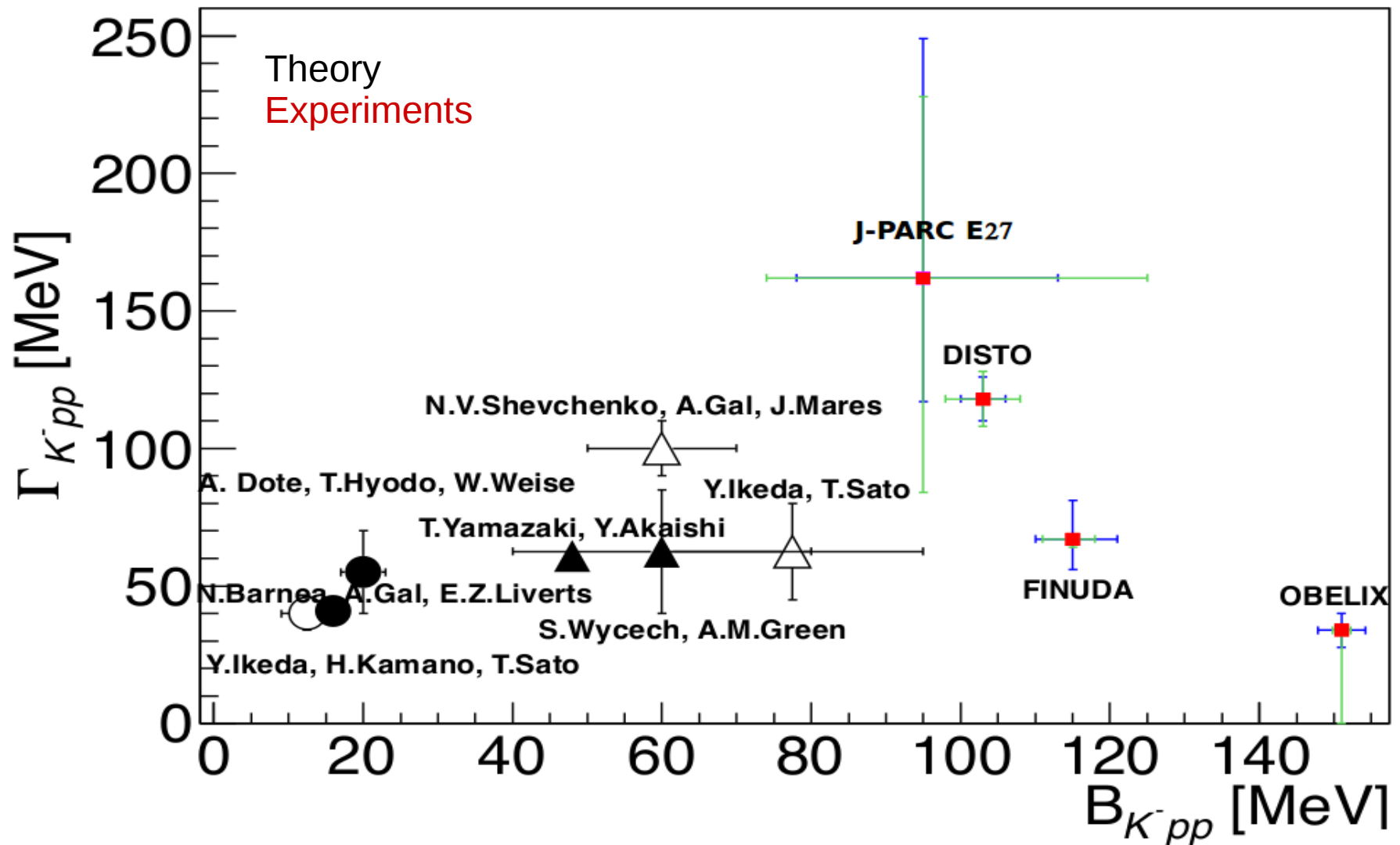
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Large width means short-life state → hard to measure

Small width means long-life state → easy to measure

How deep can an antikaon be bound in a nucleus?

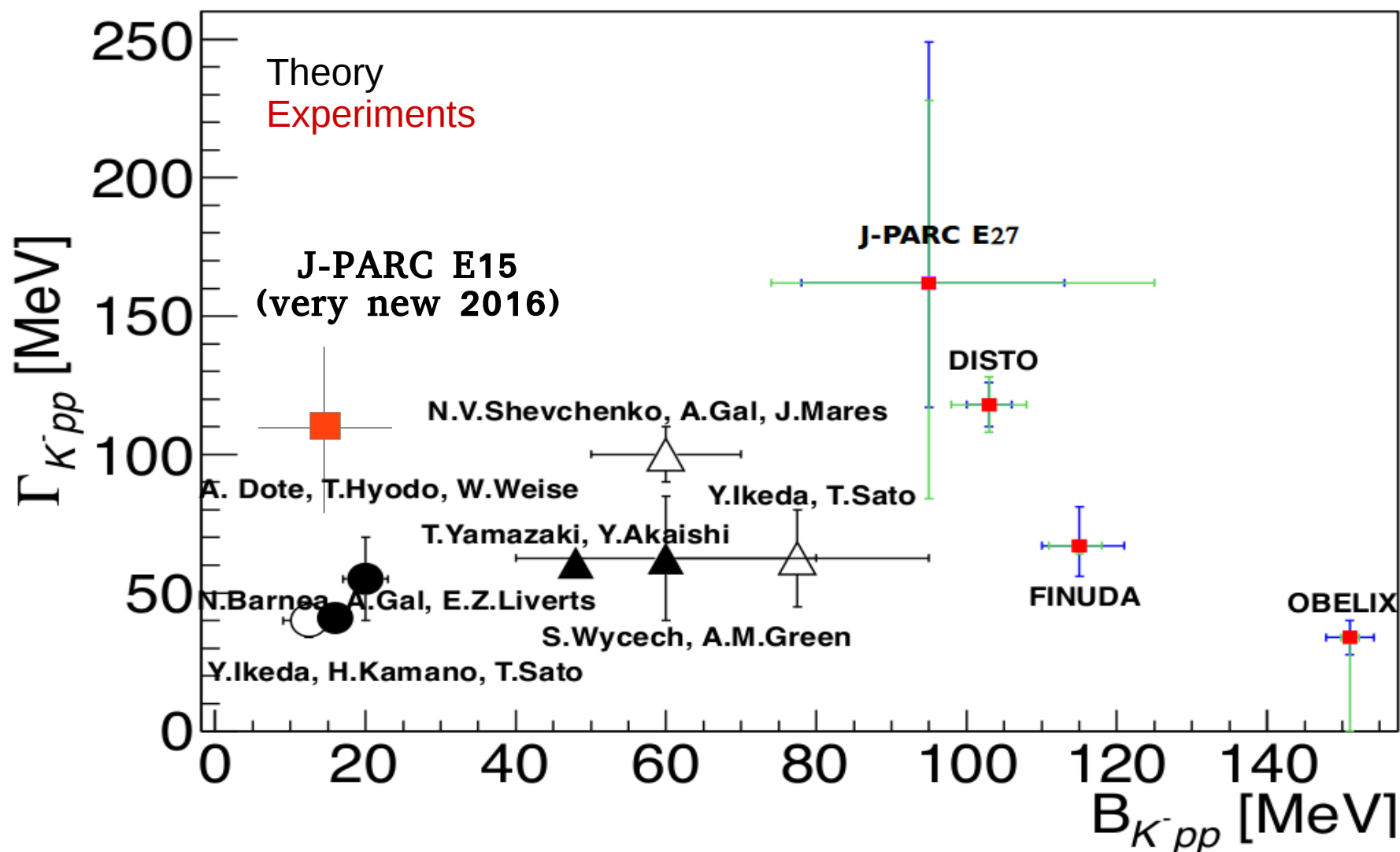
K⁻pp bound state



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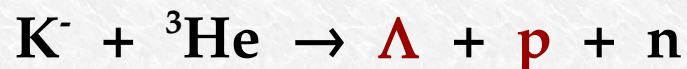
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T. Sekihara, E. Oset, A. Ramos, Prog. Theor. Exp. Phys (2016) (12): 123D03

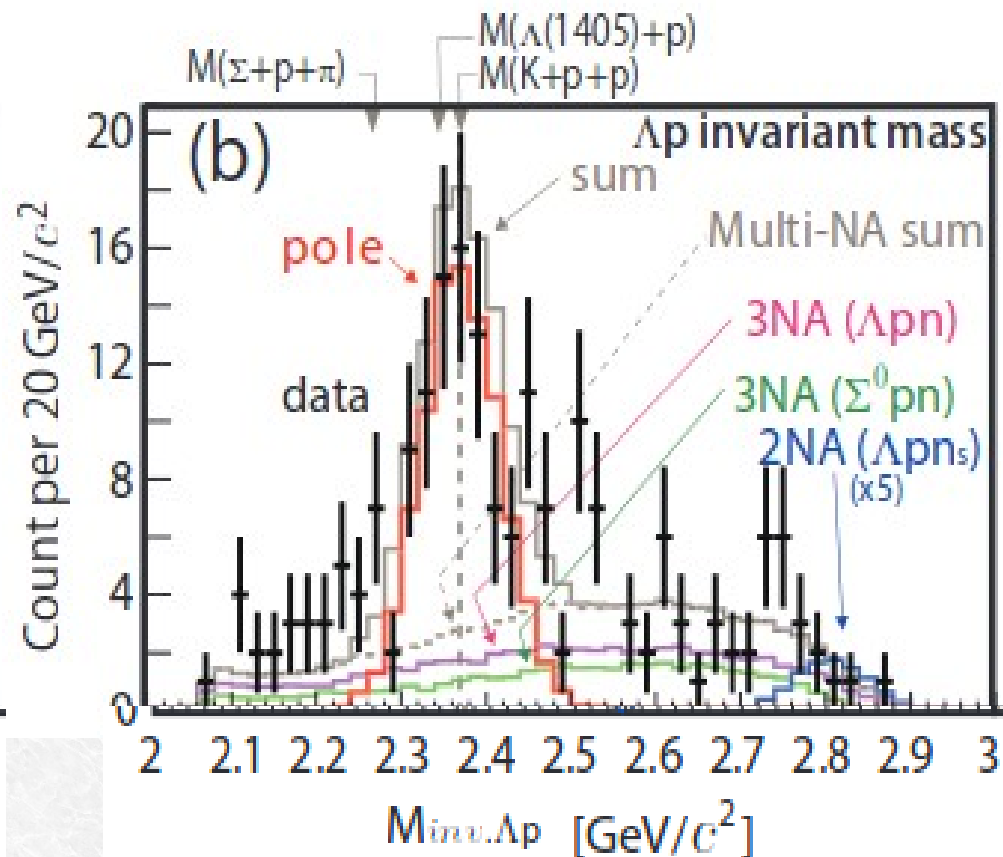
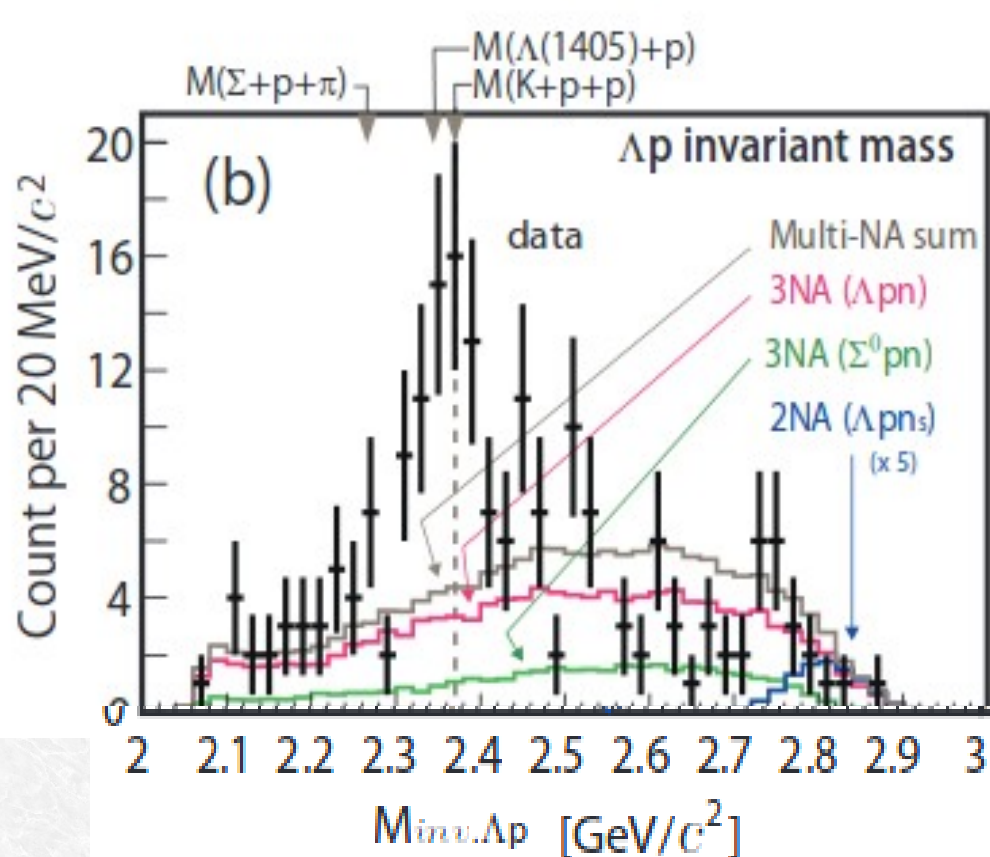


[from the talk of T. Nagae at HYP2015, Sep. 10, 2015]

J-PARC E15



Invariant mass spectroscopy



[J-PARC E15 Collaboration: arXiv:1601.06876 [nucl-ex]]

$M = 2355 +6 -8$ (stat.) ± 12 (syst.) MeV/c²
 $\Gamma = 110 +19 -17$ (stat.) ± 27 (syst.) MeV/c²

BE = 15 MeV

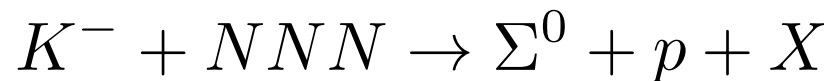
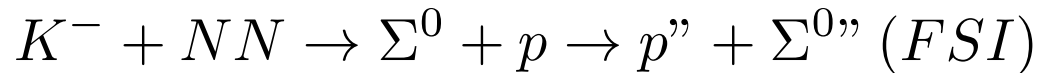
Σ^0 p correlated production, goals of this analysis

K- Absorption

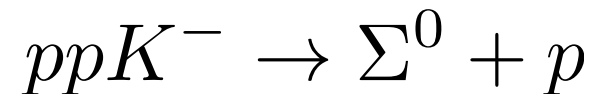
- Pin down the contribution of the process:



with respect to processes as:

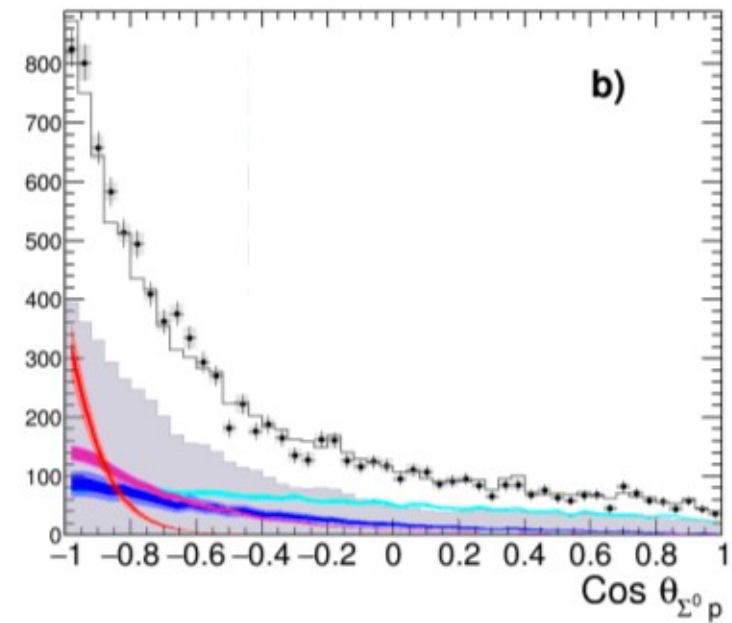
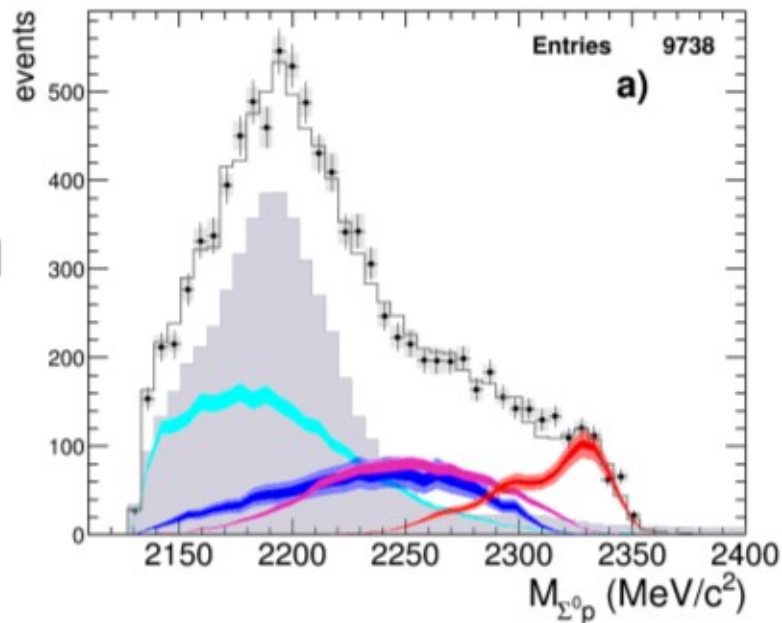
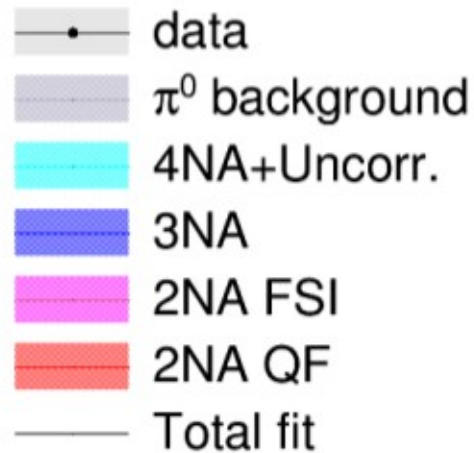


Kaonic Bound States



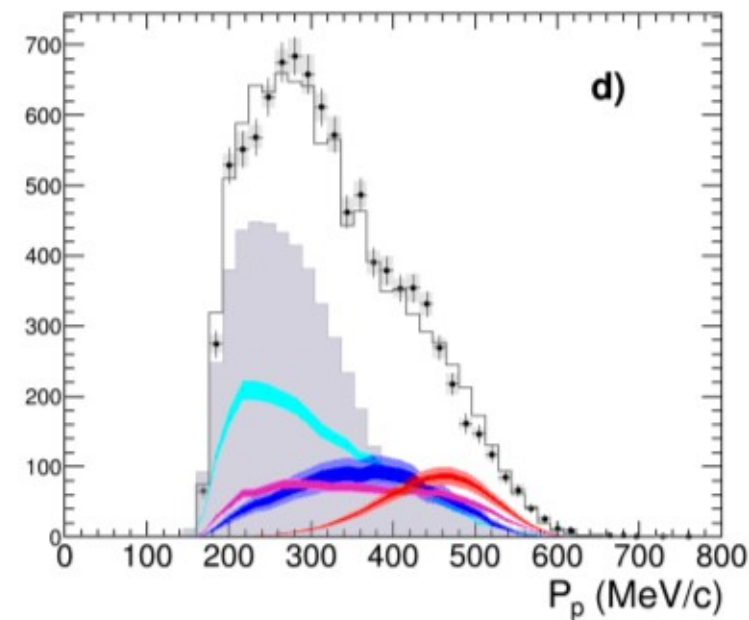
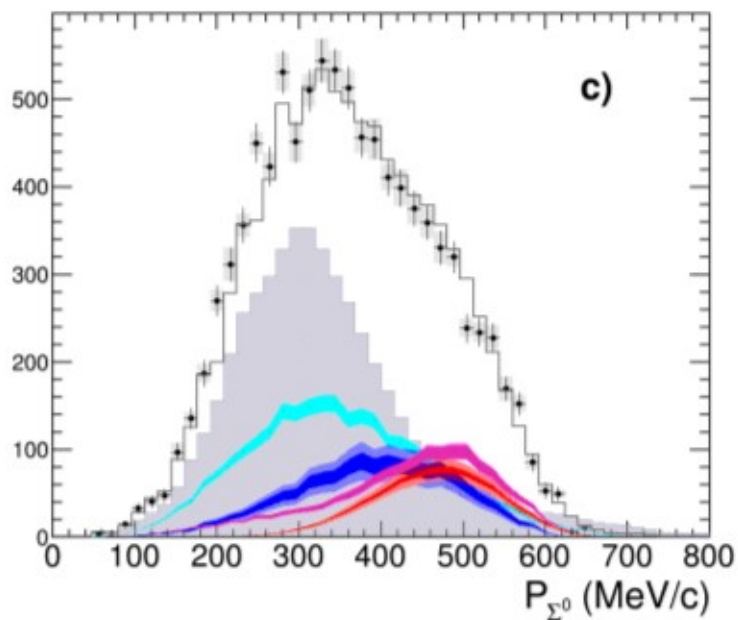
- Yield Extraction and Significance

Final fit



$$\chi^2 = 0.85$$

2NA-QF clearly separated from other processes



From the contributions to the fit, the yields are extracted for K- stop

Absorption results

	yield / $K_{stop}^- \cdot 10^{-2}$	$\sigma_{stat} \cdot 10^{-2}$	$\sigma_{syst} \cdot 10^{-2}$
2NA-QF	0.127	± 0.019	+0.004 -0.008
2NA-FSI	0.272	± 0.028	+0.022 -0.023
Tot 2NA	0.376	± 0.033	+0.023 -0.032
3NA	0.274	± 0.069	+0.044 -0.021
Tot 3body	0.546	± 0.074	+0.048 -0.033
4NA + bkg.	0.773	± 0.053	+0.025 -0.076

...is there room for the signal of a **ppK- bound state**?

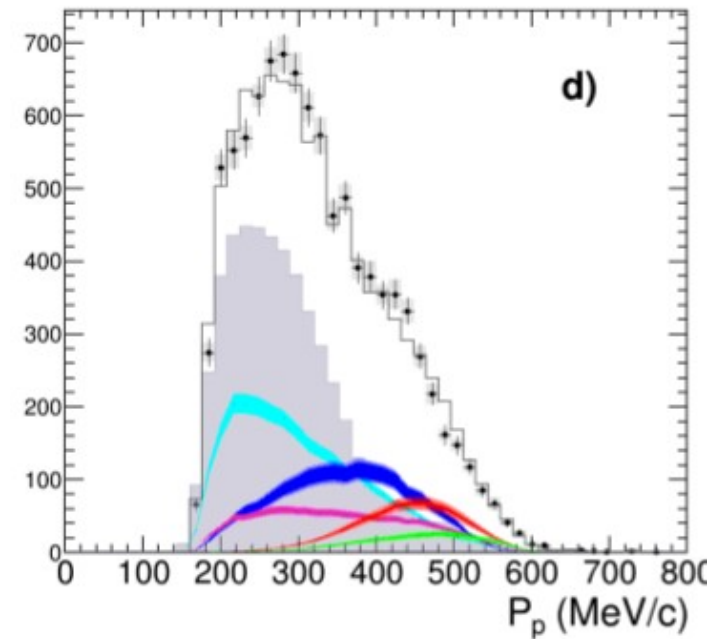
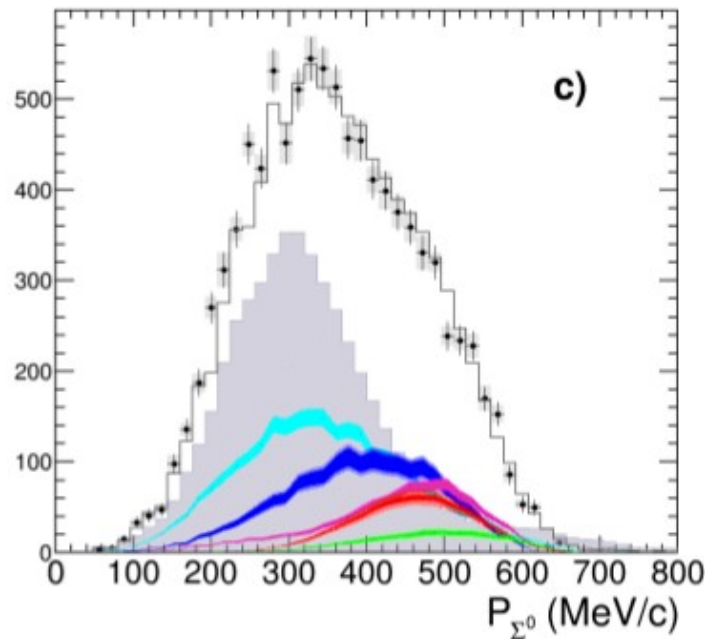
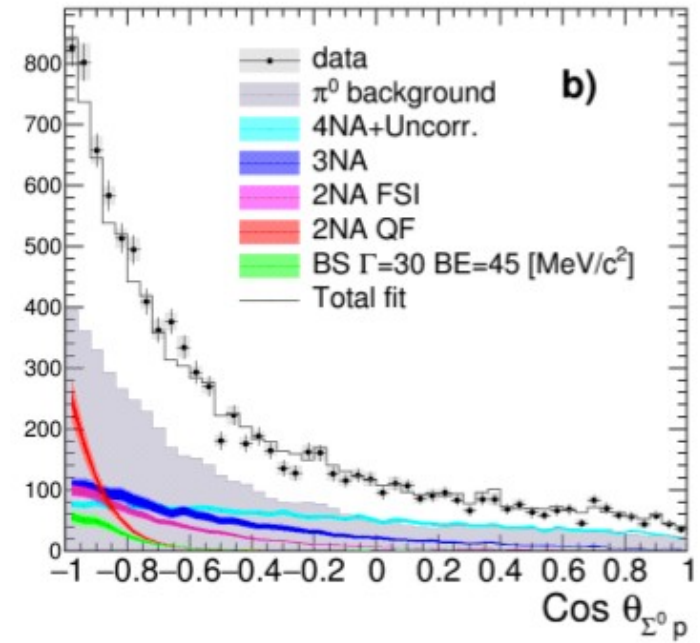
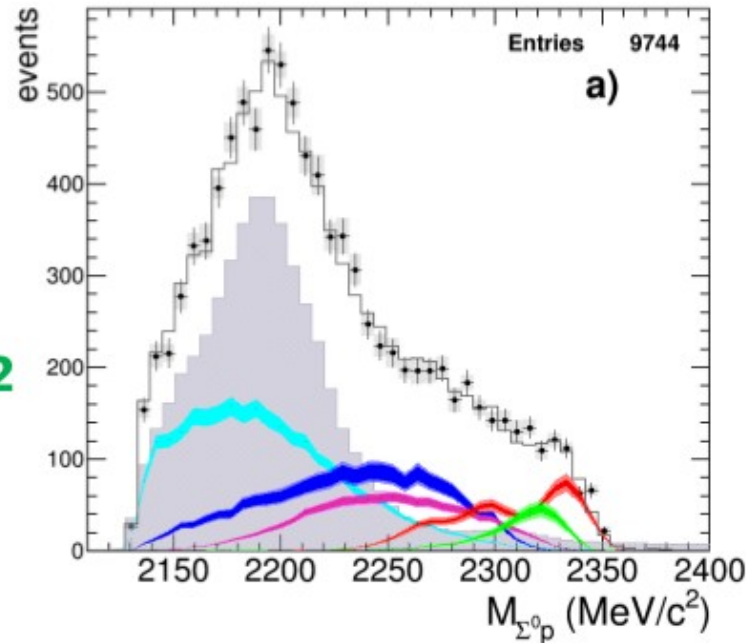
Fit with ppK-

Best solution:

- B.E. = 45 MeV/c²
- Width = 30 MeV/c²

$$\chi^2 = 0.807$$

- data
- π^0 background
- 4NA+Uncorr.
- 3NA
- 2NA FSI
- 2NA QF
- BS $\Gamma=30$ BE=45 [MeV/c]
- Total fit



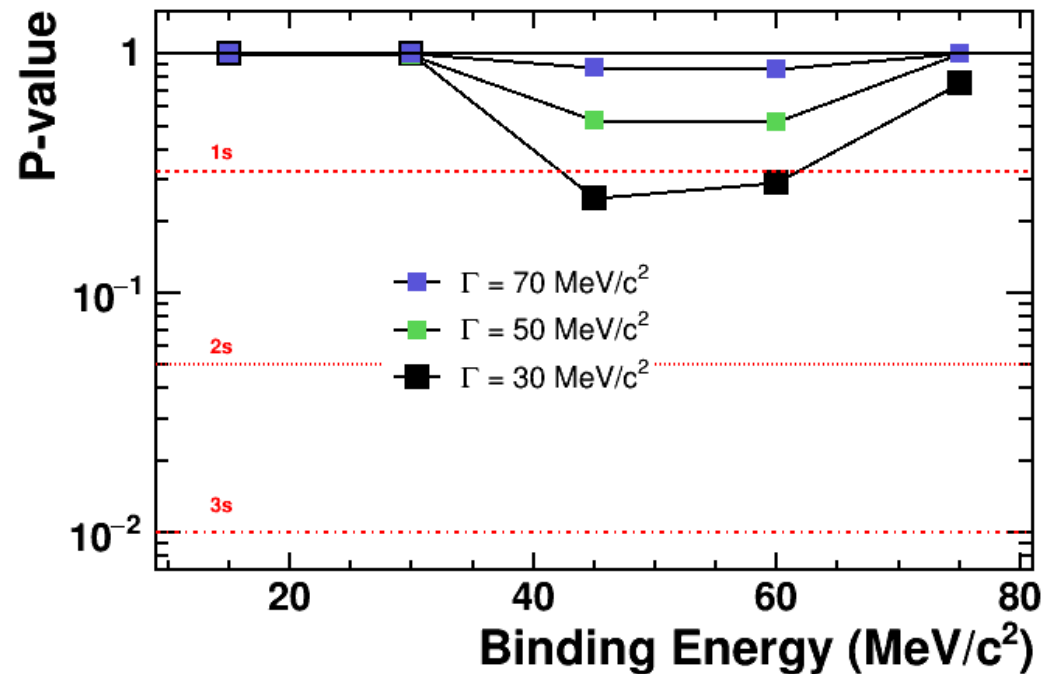
Evaluation of the significance of the ppK⁻ signal

For B.E. = 45 MeV/c², Width = 30 MeV/c²

$$Yield/K_{stop}^- = (0.044 \pm 0.009_{stat}^{+0.004}_{-0.005}_{syst}) \cdot 10^{-2}$$

F-test to evaluate the addition of an extra parameter to the fit:

Significance of “signal” hypothesis w.r.t “Null-Hypothesis” (no bound state)



Conclusions

- 2NA-QF yield

	yield / $K_{stop}^- \cdot 10^{-2}$	$\sigma_{stat} \cdot 10^{-2}$	$\sigma_{syst} \cdot 10^{-2}$
2NA-QF	0.127	± 0.019	$+0.004$ -0.008

- No significant detection of ppK⁻ bound state

O. Vazquez Doce et al., Physics Letters B 758 (2016) 134



4NA cross section and yield

Λt available data

Available data:

- in Helium :

- bubble chamber experiment

[M.Roosen, J.H. Wickens, Il Nuovo Cimento 66, (1981), 101]

K^- stopped in liquid helium, Λ dn/t search. **3 events** compatible with the Λt kinematics were found

$$\text{BR}(K^-4\text{He} \rightarrow \Lambda t) = (3 \pm 2) \times 10^{-4} / K_{\text{stop}} \quad \text{global, no 4NA}$$

- Solid targets

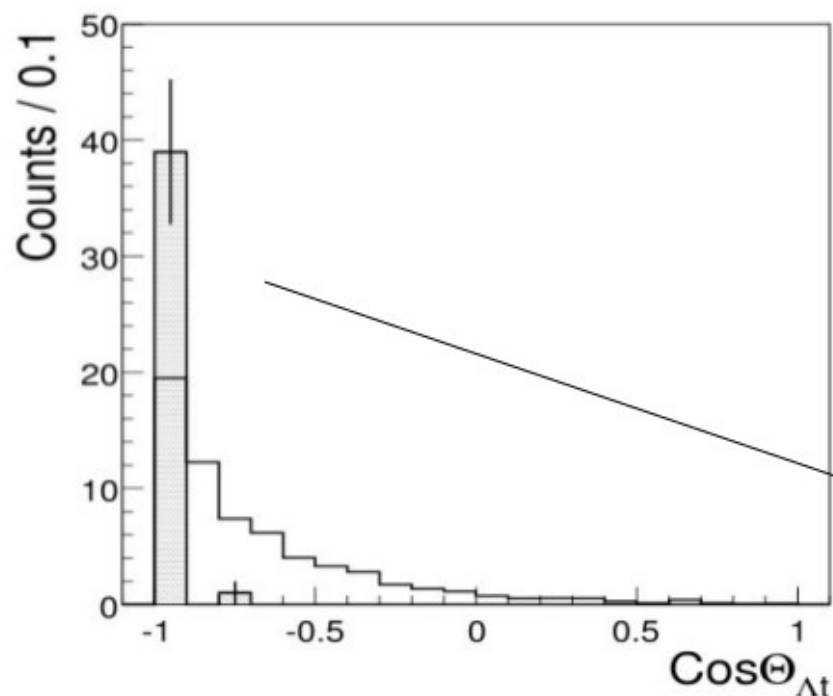
- FINUDA [Phys.Lett. B669 (2008) 229]

(**40 events** in different solid targets)

Λt available data

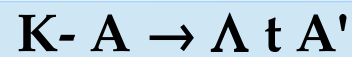
FINUDA presented [Phys.Lett.B (2008) 229]:

- a study of Λ vs t momentum correlation and an opening angle distribution
- **40 events** collected and added together coming from different targets (${}^6,7\text{Li}$, ${}^9\text{Be}$)



Filled histogram= data

Open histogram = Phase space simulation



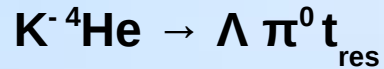
Unclear back to back topology

Λt emission yield $\rightarrow 10^{-3} - 10^{-4} / K^-_{\text{stop}}$
global, no 4NA

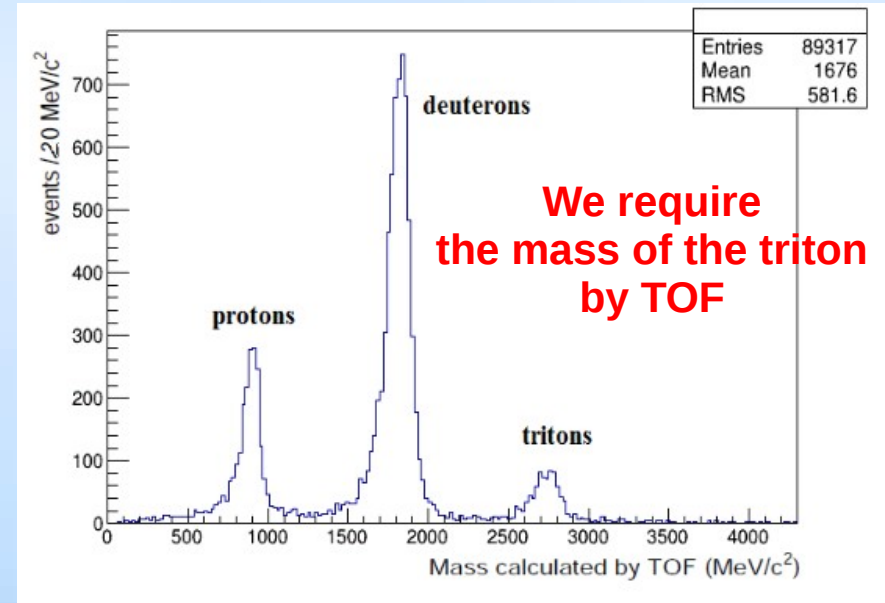
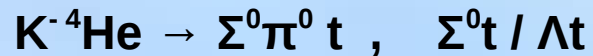
Experimental data only back-to-back

Λt correlation studies in ^4He from the DC gas : contributing processes

single nucleon absorption (1NA)



conversion on triton:



Tritons are spectators, **too low momentum:** $p_t \sim$ Fermi momentum

lower then the calorimeter threshold ($p_t \sim 500 \text{ MeV}/c$)

checked by MC simulations

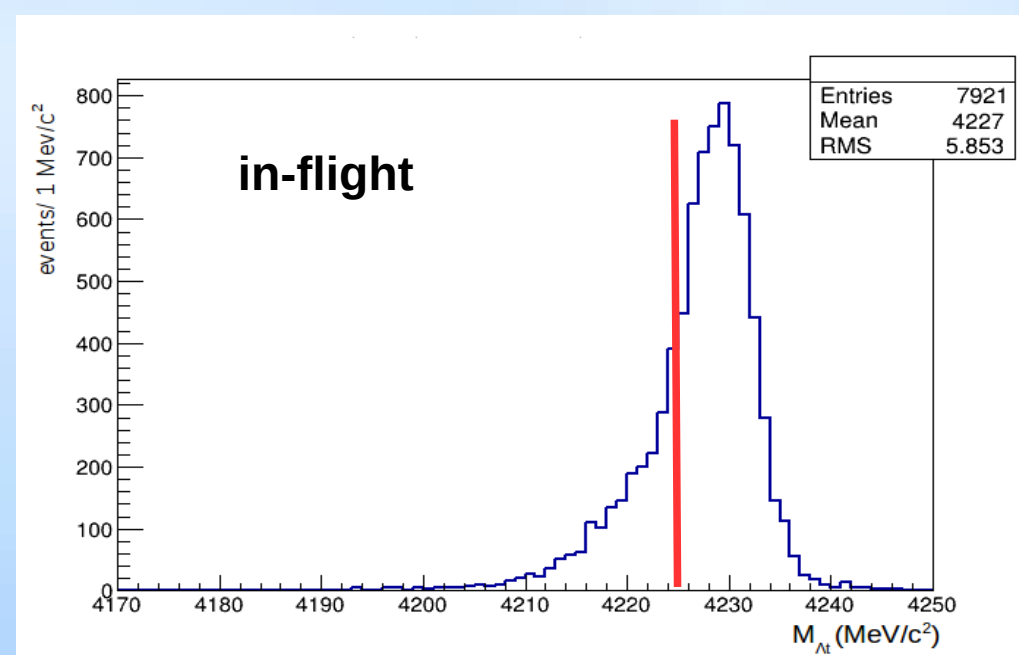
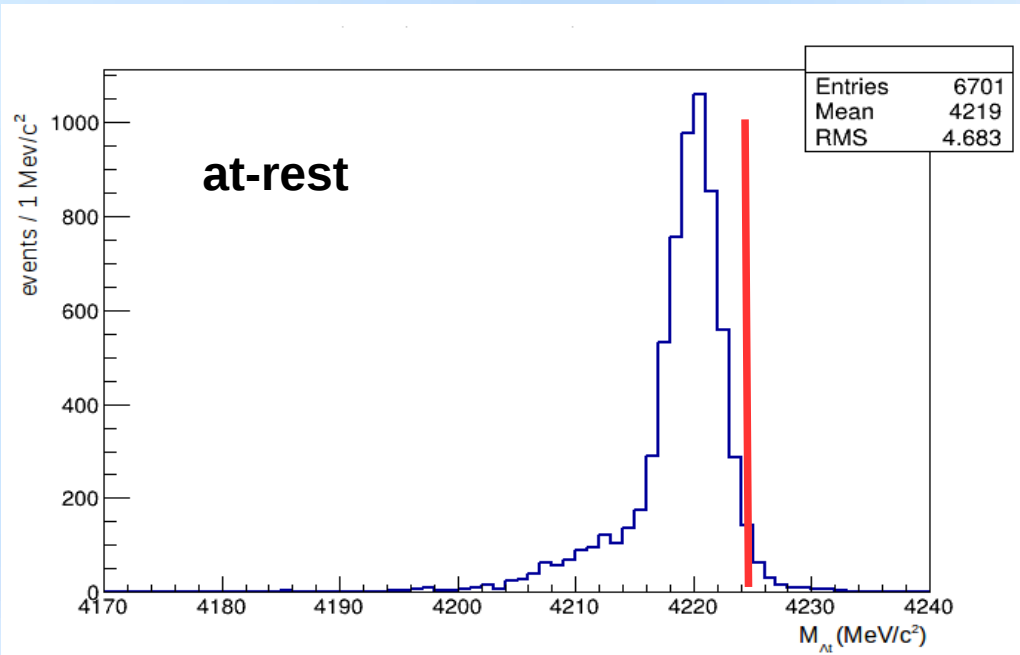
4NA processes – K^- absorbed by the α particle:



conversion is suppressed
by the
 $\Sigma^0 - t$

Back to back topology!

MC simulations: efficiency & resolution



mass threshold at-rest

M_{Λt} invariant mass resolution = 2.2 MeV/c²

overall detection + reconstruction efficiency for 4NA direct Λt production :

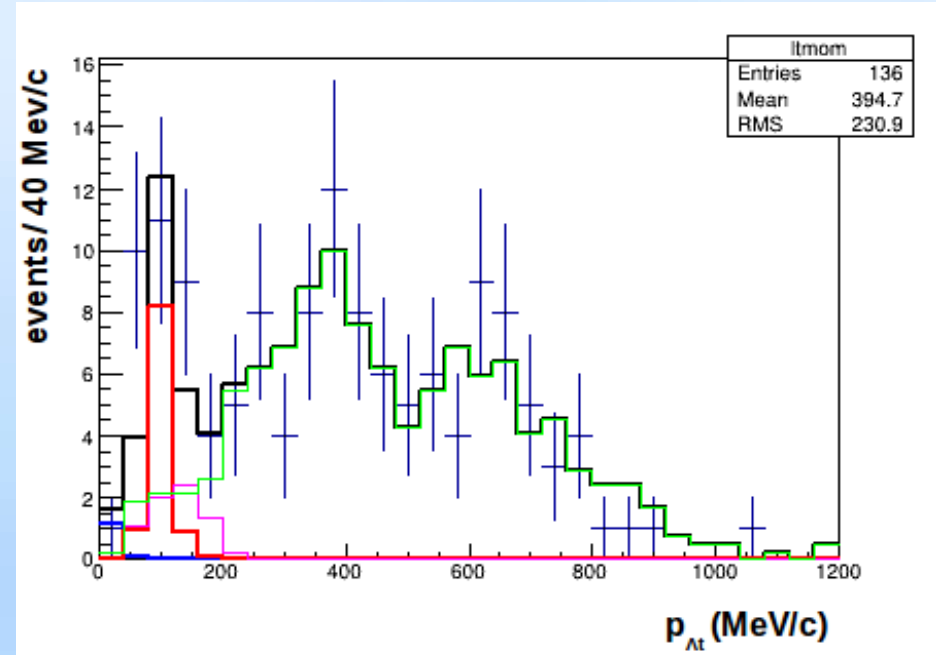
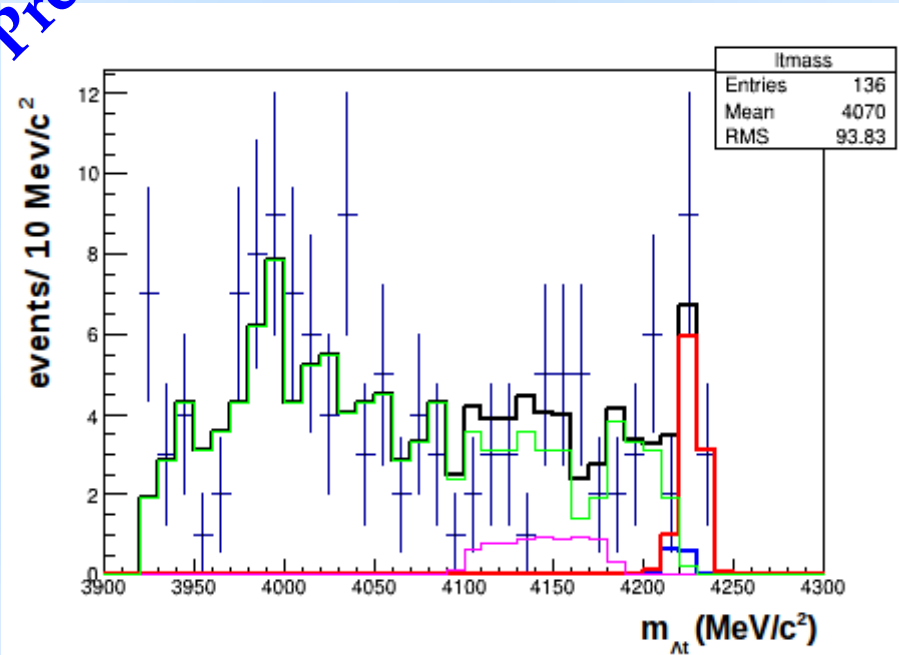
$$\epsilon_{4\text{NA},ar,\Lambda t} = 0.0493 \pm 0.0006 \quad ; \quad \epsilon_{4\text{NA},if,\Lambda t} = 0.0578 \pm 0.0006,$$

at-rest

in-flight

Preliminary

$K^- ^4\text{He} \rightarrow \Lambda t$ 4NA cross section



+ data

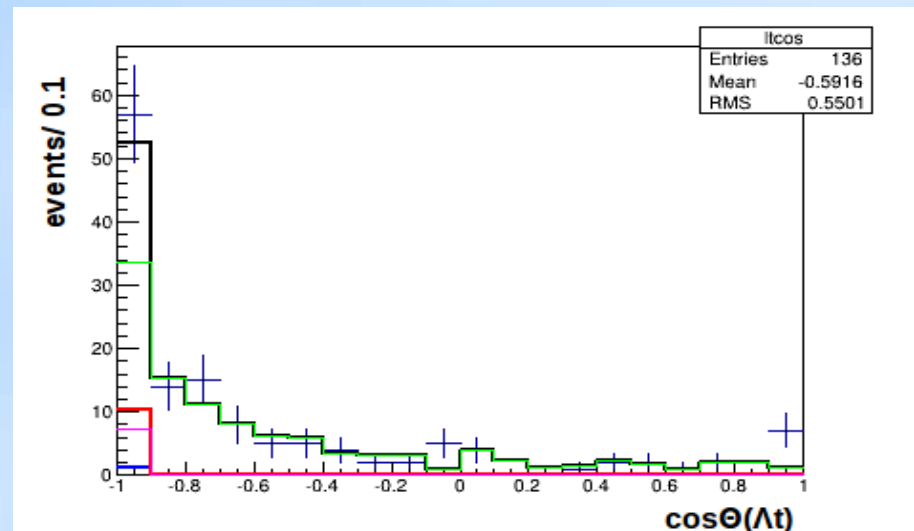
--- carbon data from DC wall

--- 4NA $K^- ^4\text{He} \rightarrow \Lambda t$ in flight MC

--- 4NA $K^- ^4\text{He} \rightarrow \Lambda t$ at rest MC

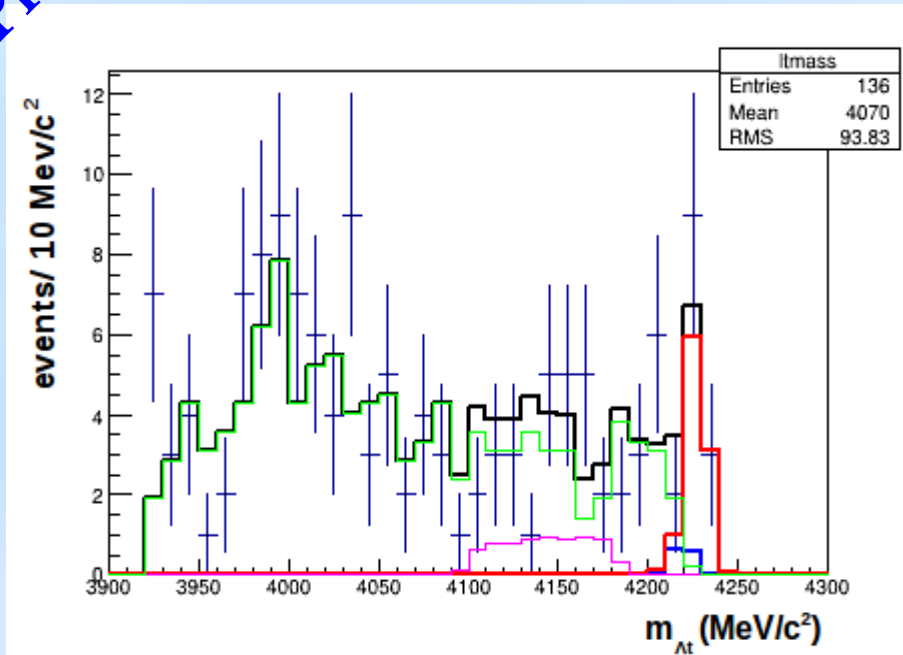
--- 4NA $K^- ^4\text{He} \rightarrow \Sigma^0 t$, $\Sigma^0 \rightarrow \Lambda \gamma$ MC

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Preliminary

K-⁴He → Λt 4NA cross section



Contribution to the spectra	Parameter value
$K^{-4}\text{He} \rightarrow \Lambda t$ at rest	0.01 ± 0.01
$K^{-4}\text{He} \rightarrow \Lambda t$ in-flight	0.09 ± 0.02
$K^{-4}\text{He} \rightarrow \Sigma^0 t$ in-flight	0.05 ± 0.03
$K^{-12}\text{C} \rightarrow \Lambda t$ experimental distribution from the carbon DC wall	0.85 ± 0.06
χ^2 / ndf	0.654

Total number of events = 136

4NA K⁻⁴He → Λt at rest → 1 ± 1 events

4NA K⁻⁴He → Λt in flight → 12 ± 3 events

+ data

--- carbon data from DC wall

--- 4NA K⁻⁴He → Λt in flight MC

--- 4NA K⁻⁴He → Λt at rest MC

--- 4NA K⁻⁴He → Σ⁰t , Σ⁰ → Λγ MC

--- 4NA K⁻⁴He → Σ⁰t , Σ⁰ → Λγ MC

$$\text{BR}(K^{-4}\text{He}(4\text{NA}) \rightarrow \Lambda t) < 1.3 \times 10^{-4} / K_{\text{stop}}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma(100 \pm 19 \text{ MeV}/c) (K^{-4}\text{He}(4\text{NA}) \rightarrow \Lambda t) = \\ = (0.42 \pm 0.13(\text{stat})^{+0.01}_{-0.02} (\text{syst})) \text{ mb} \end{aligned}$$

perspectives:

- **Sub-threshold $K^- n \rightarrow \Lambda \pi^-$ non resonant amplitude**

Nucl. Phys. A954 (2016) 75-93

$$|f_{ar}^s| = (0.334 \pm 0.018_{\text{stat}}^{+0.034}_{-0.058} \text{syst}) \text{ fm}.$$

experimental paper finalised

next step extract the same info in $l = 0$ to interpret the $\Sigma^0 \pi^0$ spectra

- **K- multiN absorption yields in $\Sigma^0 p$** Physics Letters B 758 (2016) 134

	yield / $K_{stop}^- \cdot 10^{-2}$	$\sigma_{stat} \cdot 10^{-2}$	$\sigma_{syst} \cdot 10^{-2}$
2NA-QF	0.127	± 0.019	$+0.004$ -0.008

Same analysis is ongoing in Λp (R. Del Grande PhD thesis)

- **K- $^4\text{He} \rightarrow \Lambda t$ 4NA cross section** $\sigma(100 \pm 19 \text{ MeV}/c) (K^- ^4\text{He}(4\text{NA}) \rightarrow \Lambda t) =$
 $= (0.42 \pm 0.13(\text{stat})^{+0.01}_{-0.02} (\text{syst})) \text{ mb}$ paper in preparation

- **feasibility study of the Σ^0 - N/NN two and three body forces**
measurement from K-absorption in ^4He

Low-energy QCD in the u-d-s sector

- strong interaction is governed by QCD (color SU(3) gauge theory)
- fundamental matter fields are quarks (6 flavors & 3 colors **R**, **G**, **B**)

mass→	2.4 MeV	4.8 MeV	104 MeV	1.27 GeV	4.2 GeV	171.2 GeV
charge→	$\frac{2}{3}$	$-\frac{1}{3}$	$-\frac{1}{3}$	$\frac{2}{3}$	$-\frac{1}{3}$	$\frac{2}{3}$
spin→	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$
name→	u up	d down	s strange	c charm	b bottom	t top

- gauge fields are 8 gluons

- in the massless limit ..

quark fields

gluon fields

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{QCD}}^0 = -\frac{1}{2} \text{tr} [G_{\mu\nu} G^{\mu\nu}] + \bar{q} i \gamma^\mu D_\mu q,$$

$$G_{\mu\nu} = \partial_\mu A_\nu - \partial_\nu A_\mu - ig[A_\mu, A_\nu], \quad D_\mu = \partial_\mu - igA_\mu, \quad A_\mu = \sum_a T^a A_\mu^a,$$

Low-energy QCD in the u-d-s sector

- CHIRAL PERTURBATION THEORY

a chiral Lagrangian with effective degrees of freedom U takes the place of the QCD Lagrangian:

$$\exp(iZ) = \int \mathcal{D}q \mathcal{D}\bar{q} \mathcal{D}A_\mu \exp \left\{ i \int d^4x \mathcal{L}_{\text{QCD}} \right\} = \int \mathcal{D}U \exp \left\{ i \int d^4x \mathcal{L}_{\text{eff}} \right\}$$

lowest excitations (pseudoscalar mesons):

$$\phi = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\pi^0 + \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}}\eta & \pi^+ & K^+ \\ \pi^- & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\pi^0 + \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}}\eta & K^0 \\ K^- & \bar{K}^0 & -\frac{2}{\sqrt{6}}\eta \end{pmatrix}$$

Similar for the baryon fields:

with chiral field

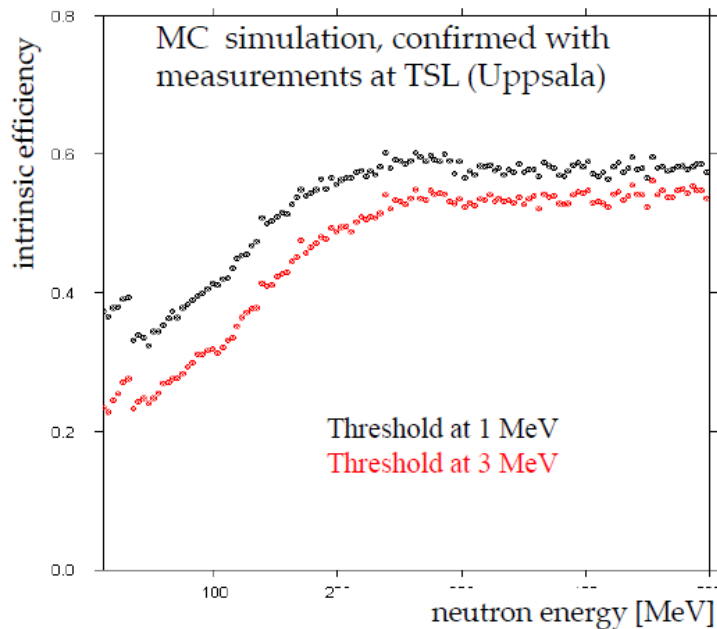
$$U(\phi) = \exp \left\{ \frac{i\sqrt{2}\phi}{f} \right\}$$

the counting rule is defined considering the meson momentum small respect to the ch. sy. Breaking scale $4\pi f \sim 1 \text{ GeV}$.

$$B = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\Sigma^0 + \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}}\Lambda & \Sigma^+ & p \\ \Sigma^- & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\Sigma^0 + \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}}\Lambda & n \\ \Sigma^- & \Sigma^0 & -\frac{2}{\sqrt{6}}\Lambda \end{pmatrix}$$

Why AMADEUS & DAΦNE?

Neutron detection efficiency



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a. u. / (10MeV/c²)

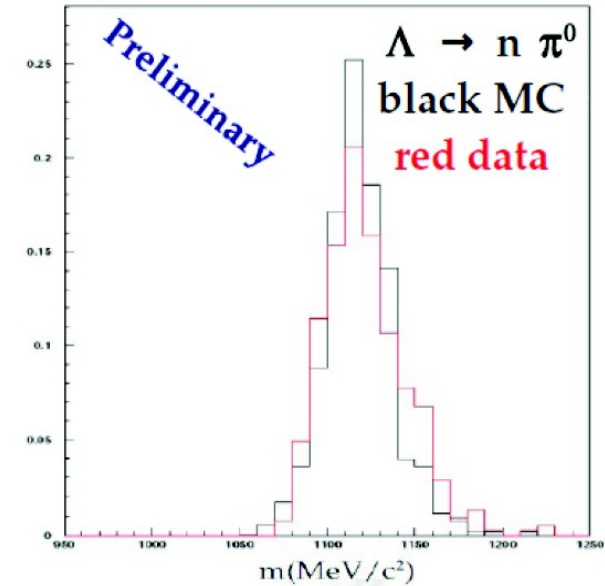


Fig. 1. $n\pi^0$ invariant mass spectrum measured by the KLOE EMC, the red line corresponds to data, the black one corresponds to a Monte Carlo simulation of the $\Lambda \rightarrow n\pi^0$ decay, reconstructed in the KLOE calorimeter.

KLOE

- 96% acceptance,
- optimized in the energy range of all charged particles involved
- good performance in detecting photons (and neutrons checked by kloNe group (M. Anelli et al., Nucl Inst. Meth. A 581, 368 (2007)))



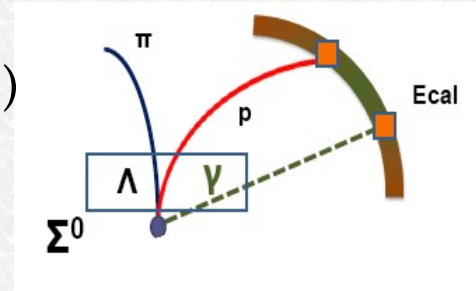
$\Lambda(1116)$ the signature of K^- hadronic interaction

The presence of a $\Lambda(1116)$ is the signature of K^- absorption and is the starting point of the performed analysis:

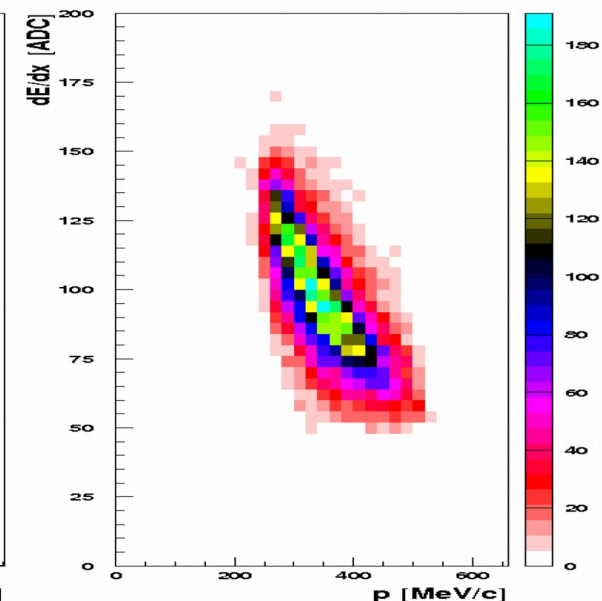
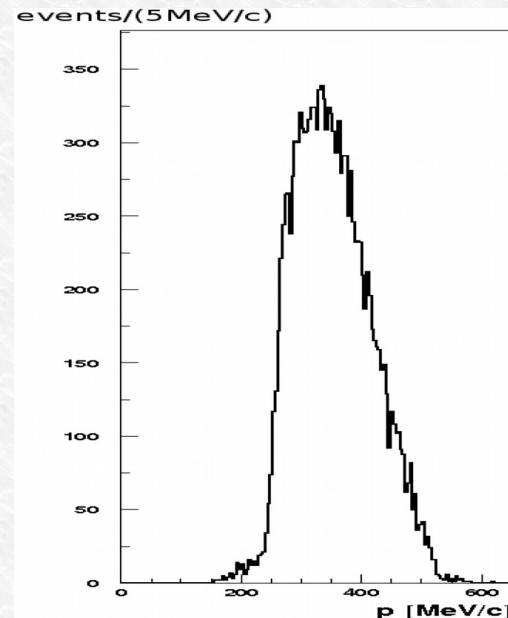
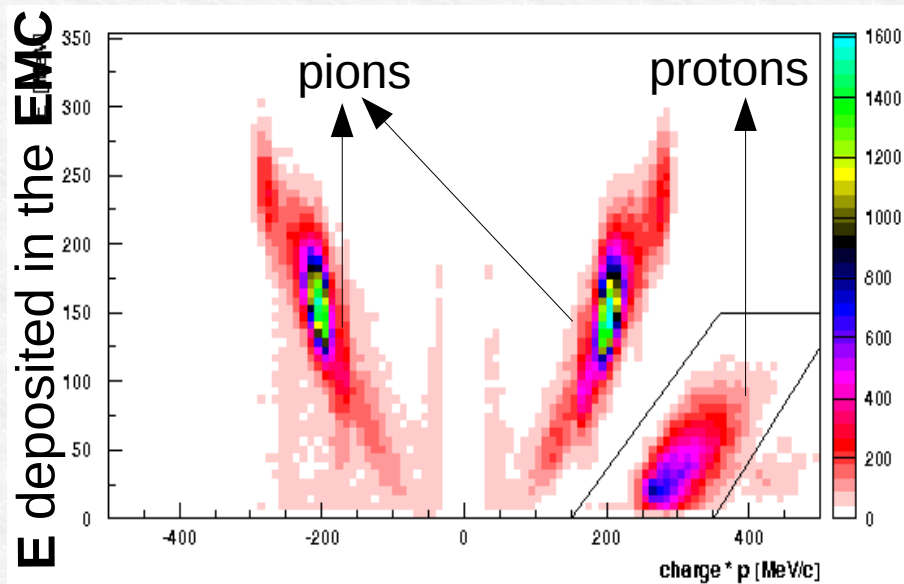
reconstruction of the Λ decay vertex: $\Lambda(1116) \rightarrow p\pi^-$ (BR $\sim 64\%$)

requests:

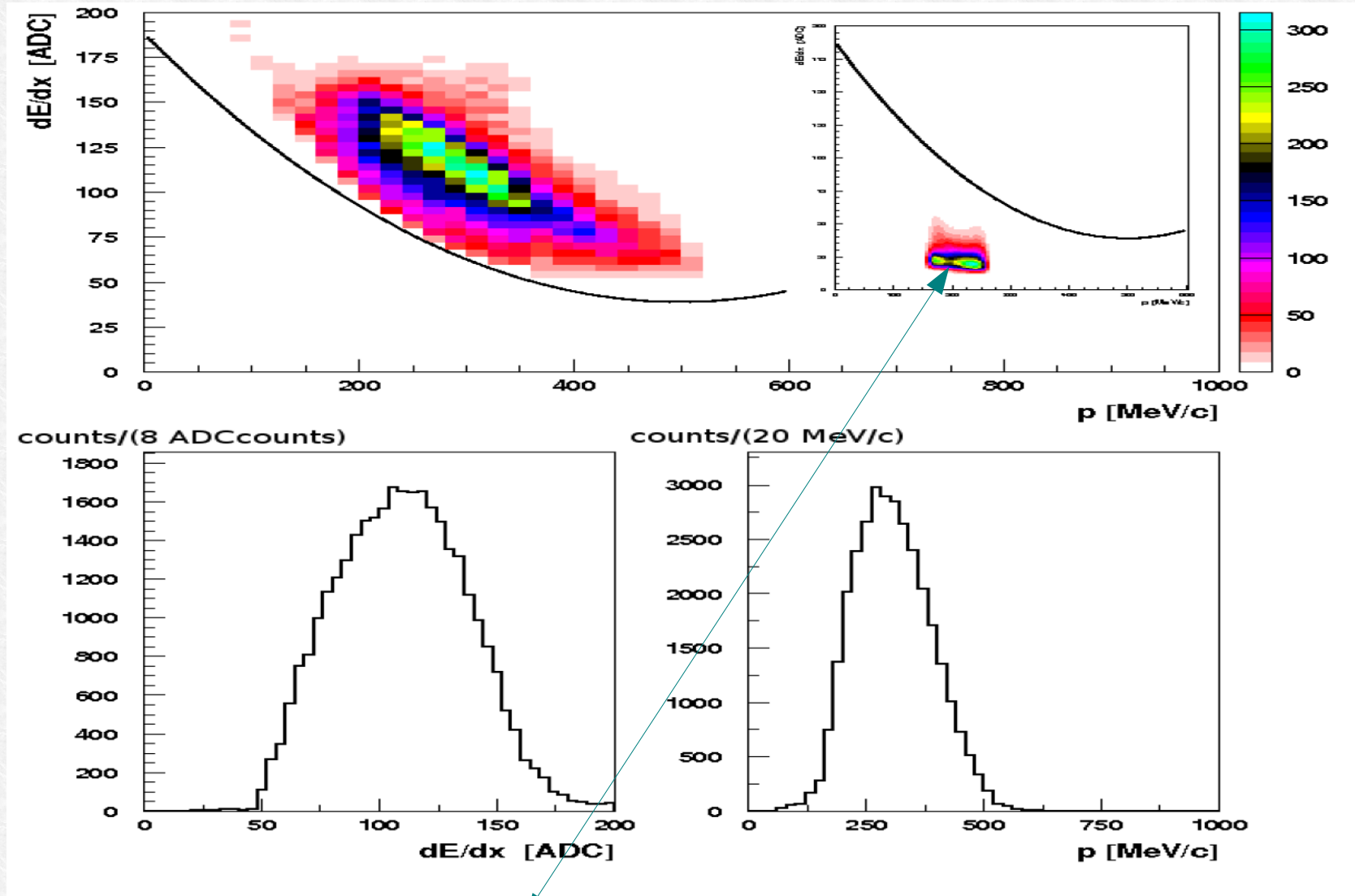
- vertex with at least two opposite charged particles
- spatial position of vertex inside DC, or in DC entrance wall
- tracks with $dE/dx > 95$ ADC counts.



First positive tracks are requested to have an associated cluster in the calorimeter and the correct $E - p$ relation, lack of low momentum protons!

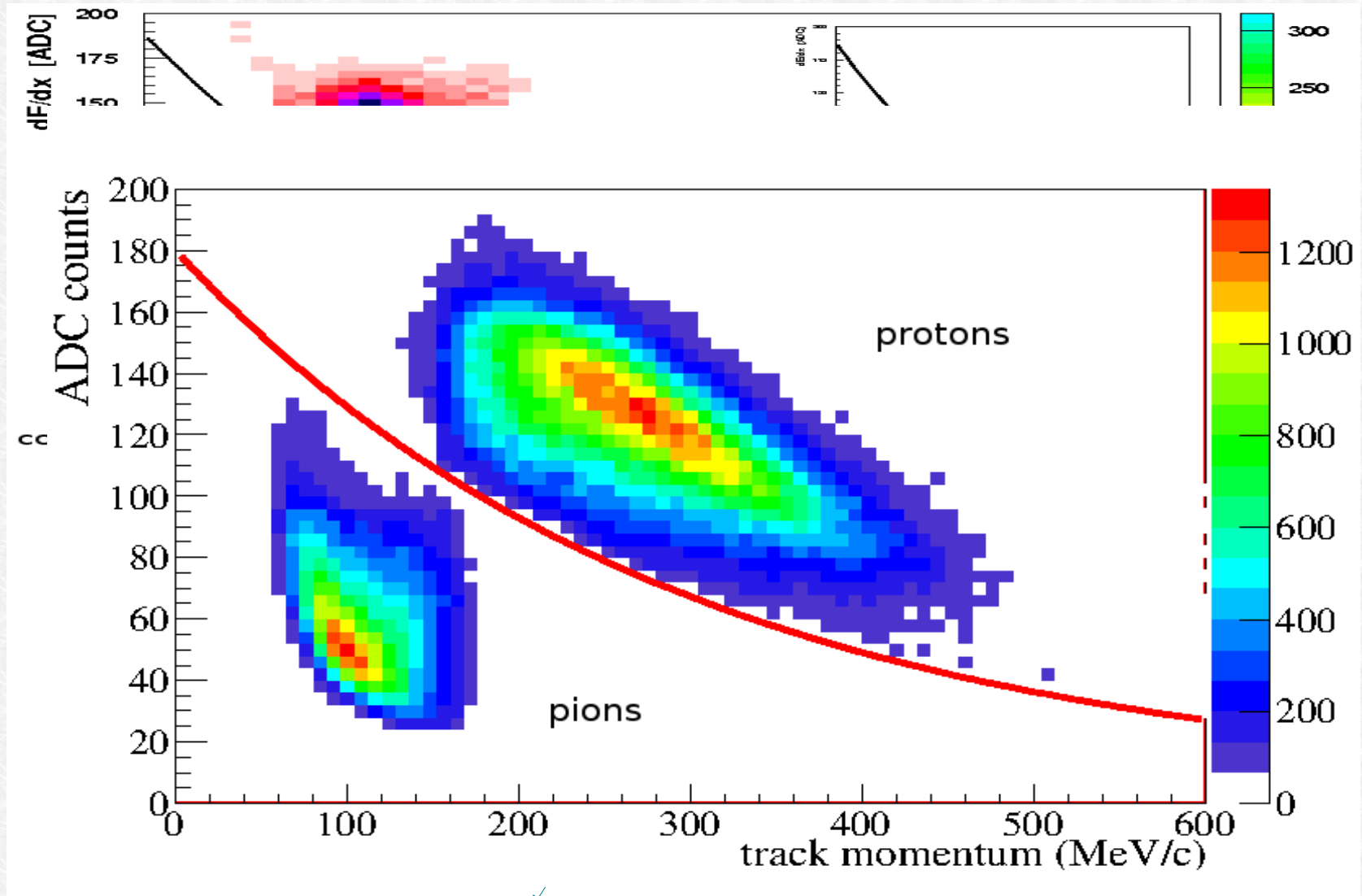


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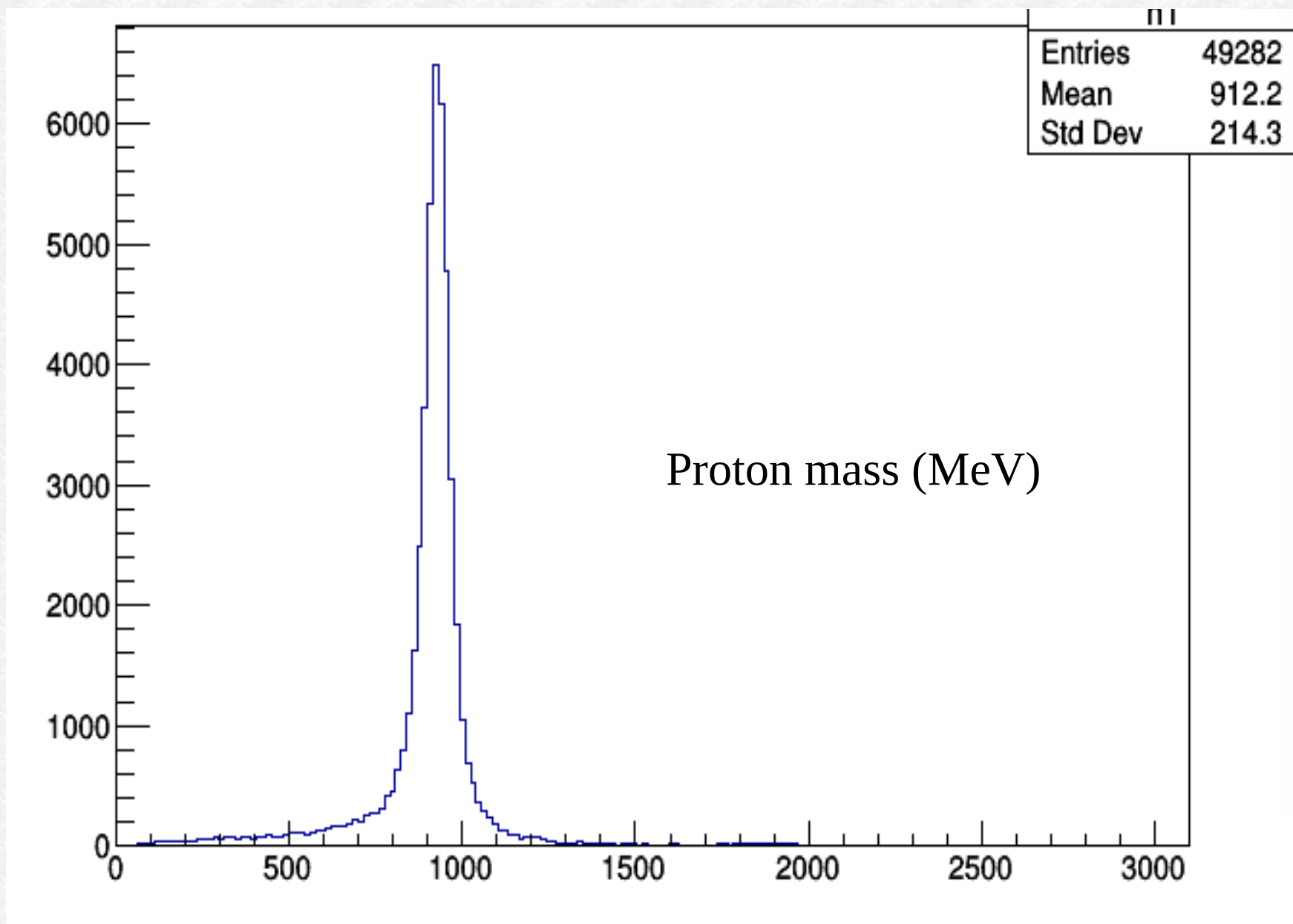
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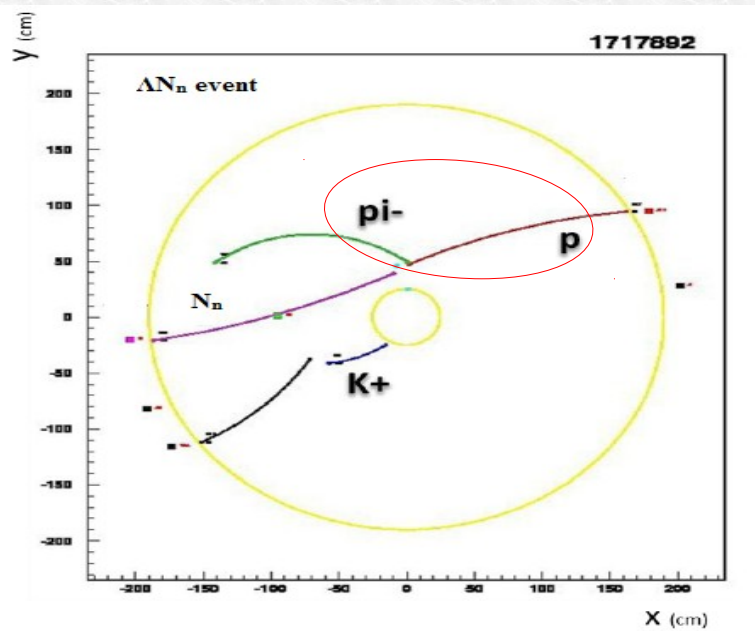
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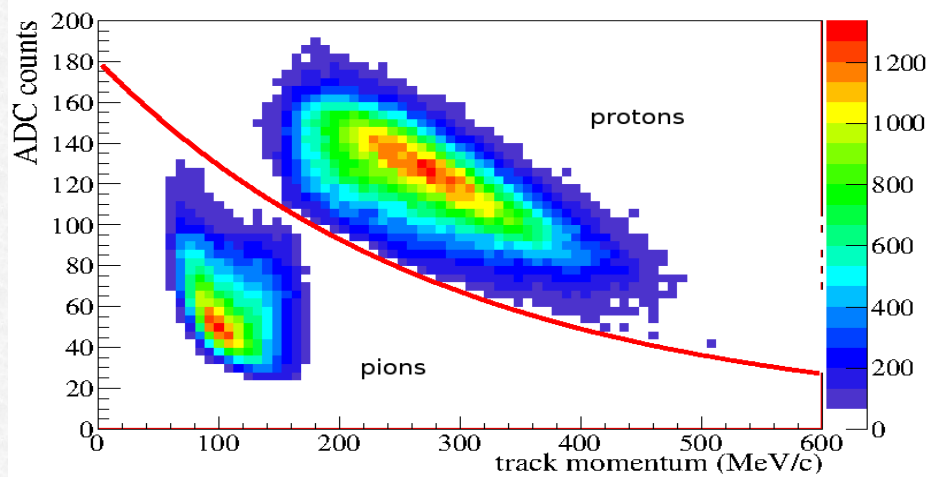


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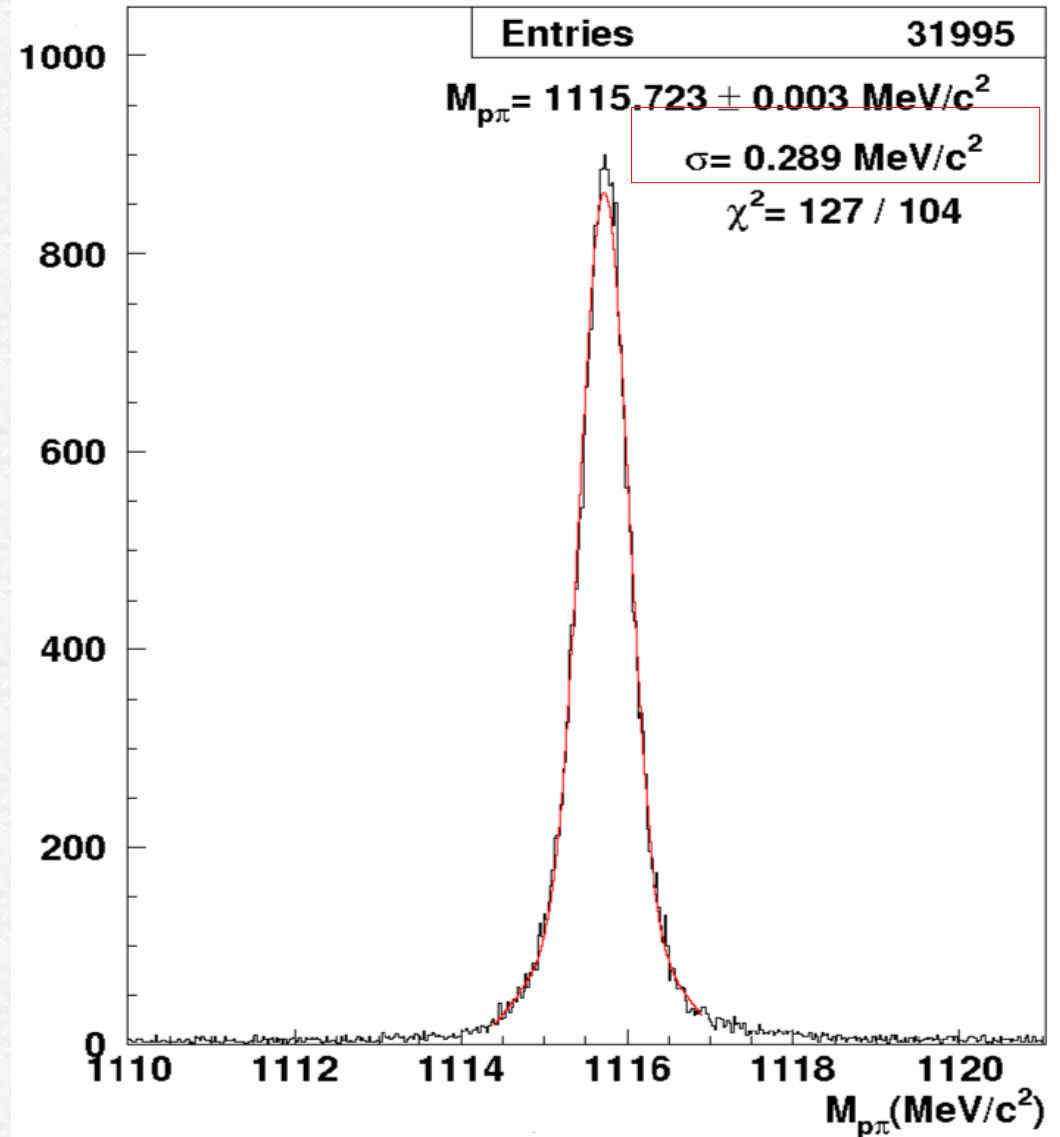
1st Step: $\Lambda \rightarrow p + \pi^-$ identification (BR = $63.9 \pm 0.5 \%$)



dE/dx information in the DC wires



events / 20eV



Photons selection

1) Select events with at least three neutral clusters ($E_{c1} > 20$ MeV) not from K decay ($K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^0$)

2) **photon clusters selection:** a first minimization is performed $\chi_t^2 = t^2/\sigma_t^2$ where $t = t_i - t_j$ is the difference between time of flights in light speed hypothesis.

This selects three photon clusters in time from the Λ decay vertex \mathbf{r}_Λ .

3) **photon clusters identification:** to distinguish photon clusters from π^0 decay, from γ_3 (due to Σ^0 decay) a second minimization is performed on $\chi_{\pi\Sigma}^2$:

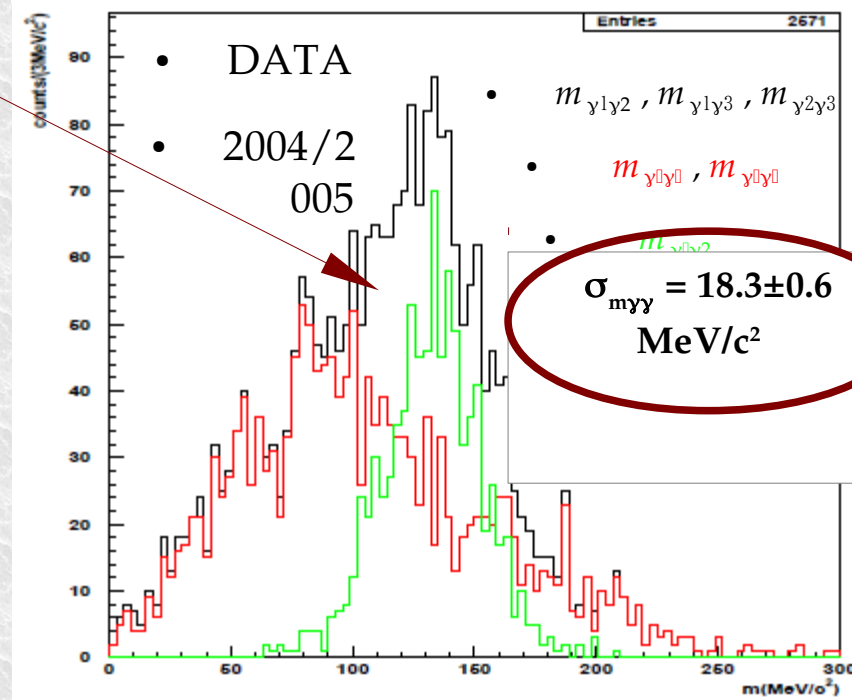
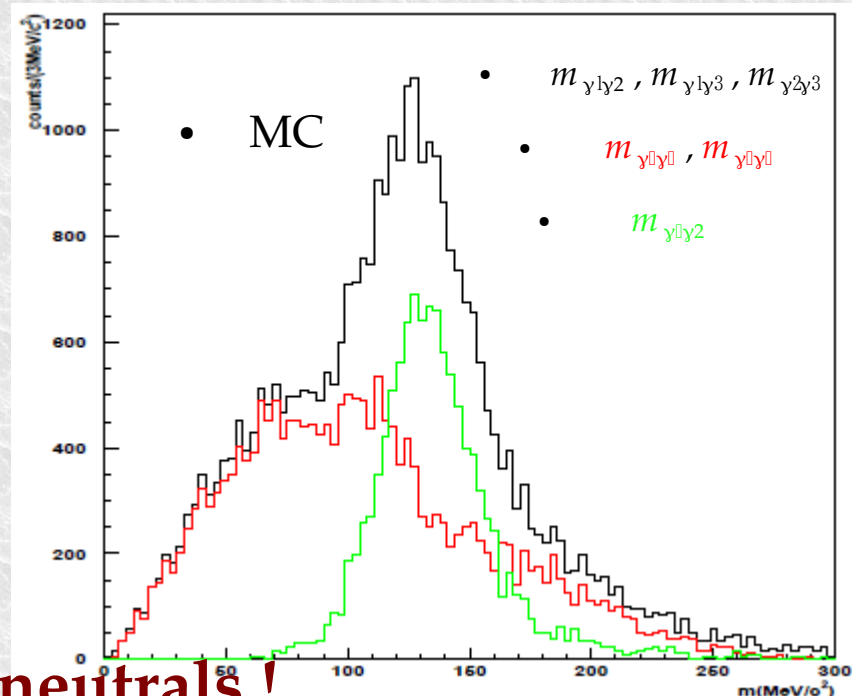
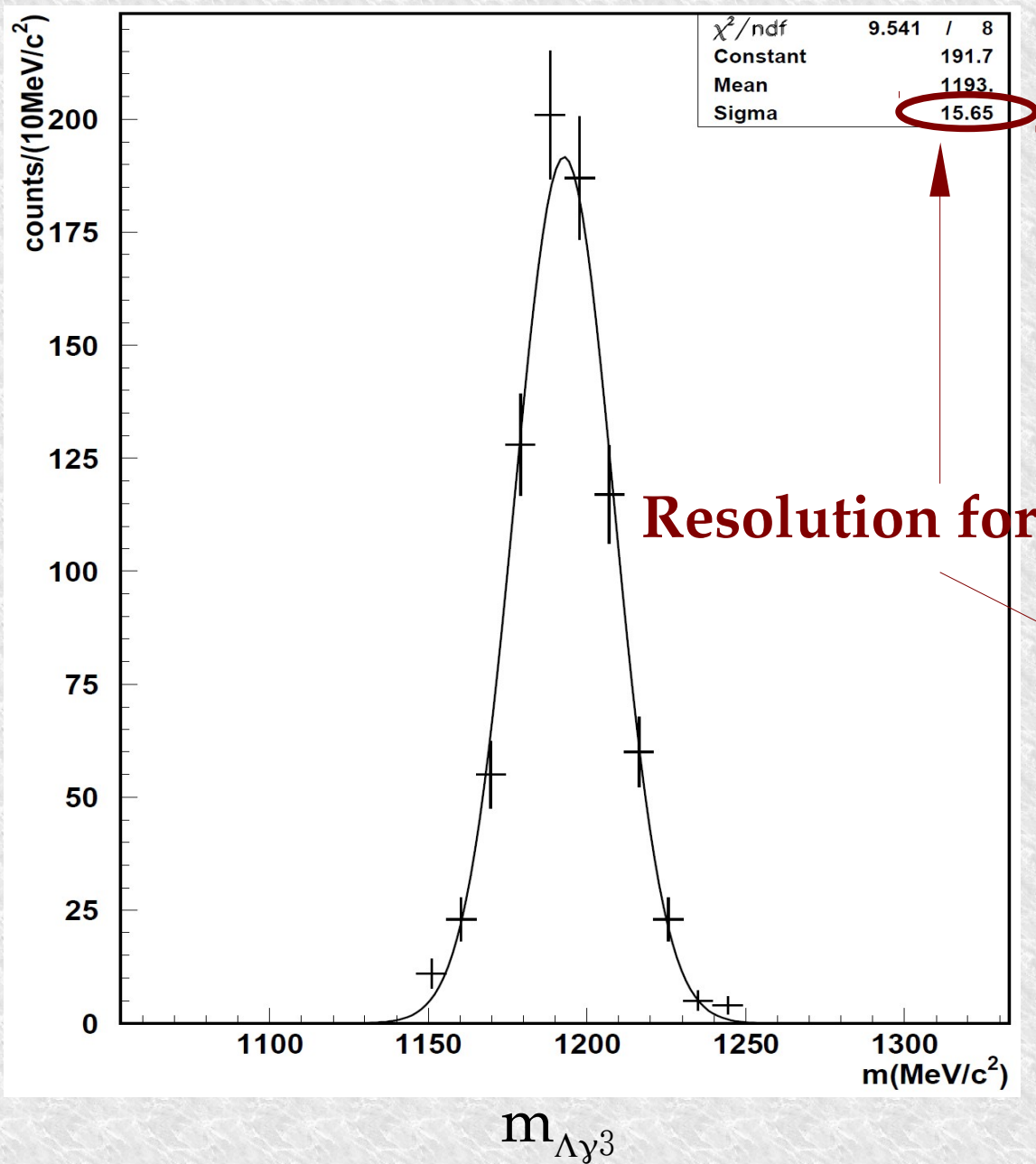
$$\chi_{\pi\Sigma}^2 = \frac{(m_{\pi^0} - m_{ij})^2}{\sigma_{ij}^2} + \frac{(m_{\Sigma^0} - m_{k\Lambda})^2}{\sigma_{k\Lambda}^2}$$

i, j and k represent one of the previously selected candidate photon cluster.

4) Cuts on χ_t^2 and $\chi_{\pi\Sigma}^2$ variables were optimized using MC simulations. Specific cuts are introduced in order to avoid the selection of splitted clusters or background for π^0

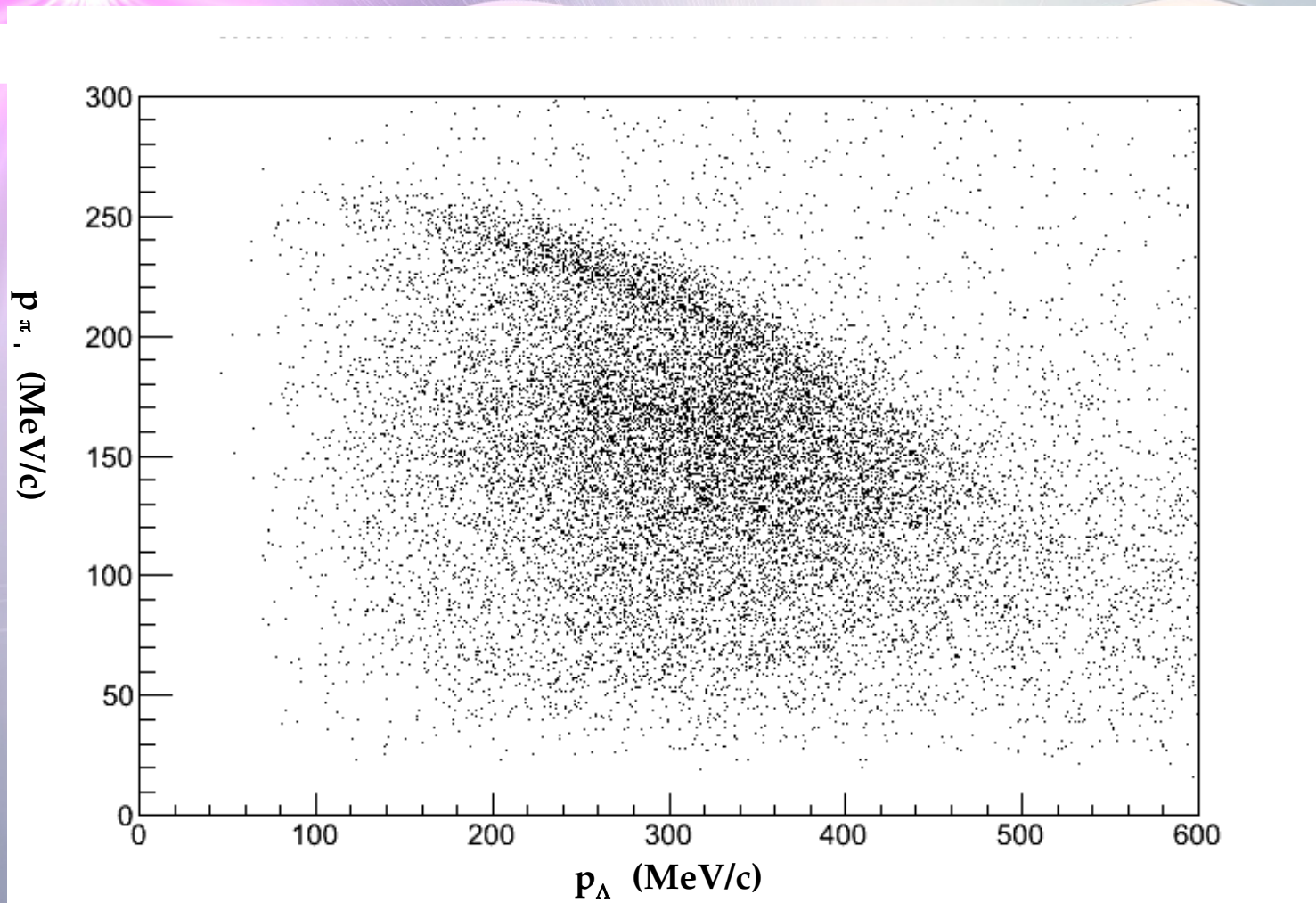
The algorithm has (from true MC information) an efficiency $(98\pm 1)\%$ to identify photons and $(78\pm 2)\%$ to select the correct triple of neutral clusters.

Photons selection



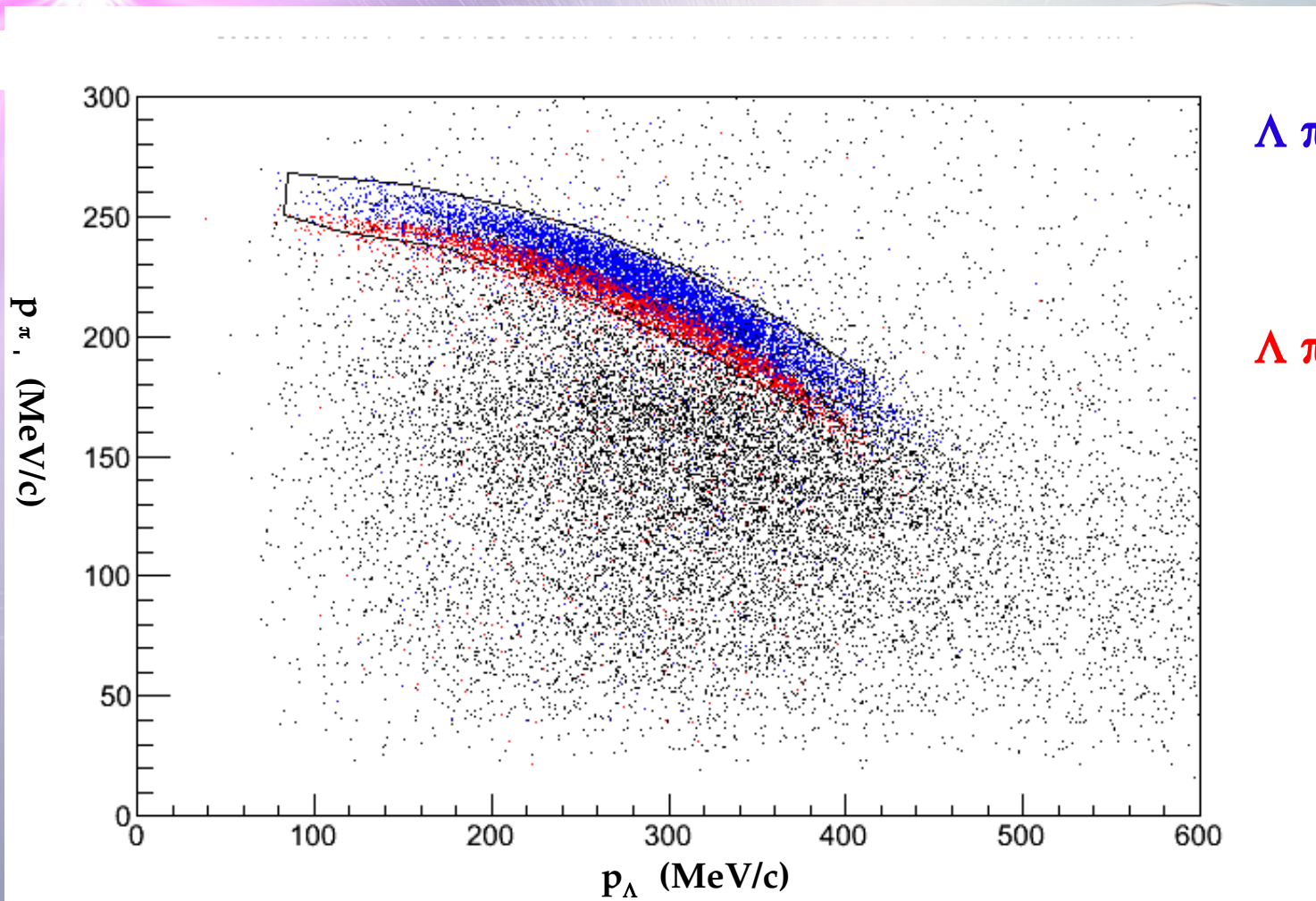
$K^- \text{ } ^4\text{He} \rightarrow \Lambda \pi^- \text{ } ^3\text{He}$ events selection

K^-



$K^- \ ^4\text{He} \rightarrow \Lambda \pi^- \ ^3\text{He}$ events selection

K^-



$\Lambda \pi^-$ direct production
In-flight RES +
NR

$\Lambda \pi^-$ direct production
At-rest RES + NR

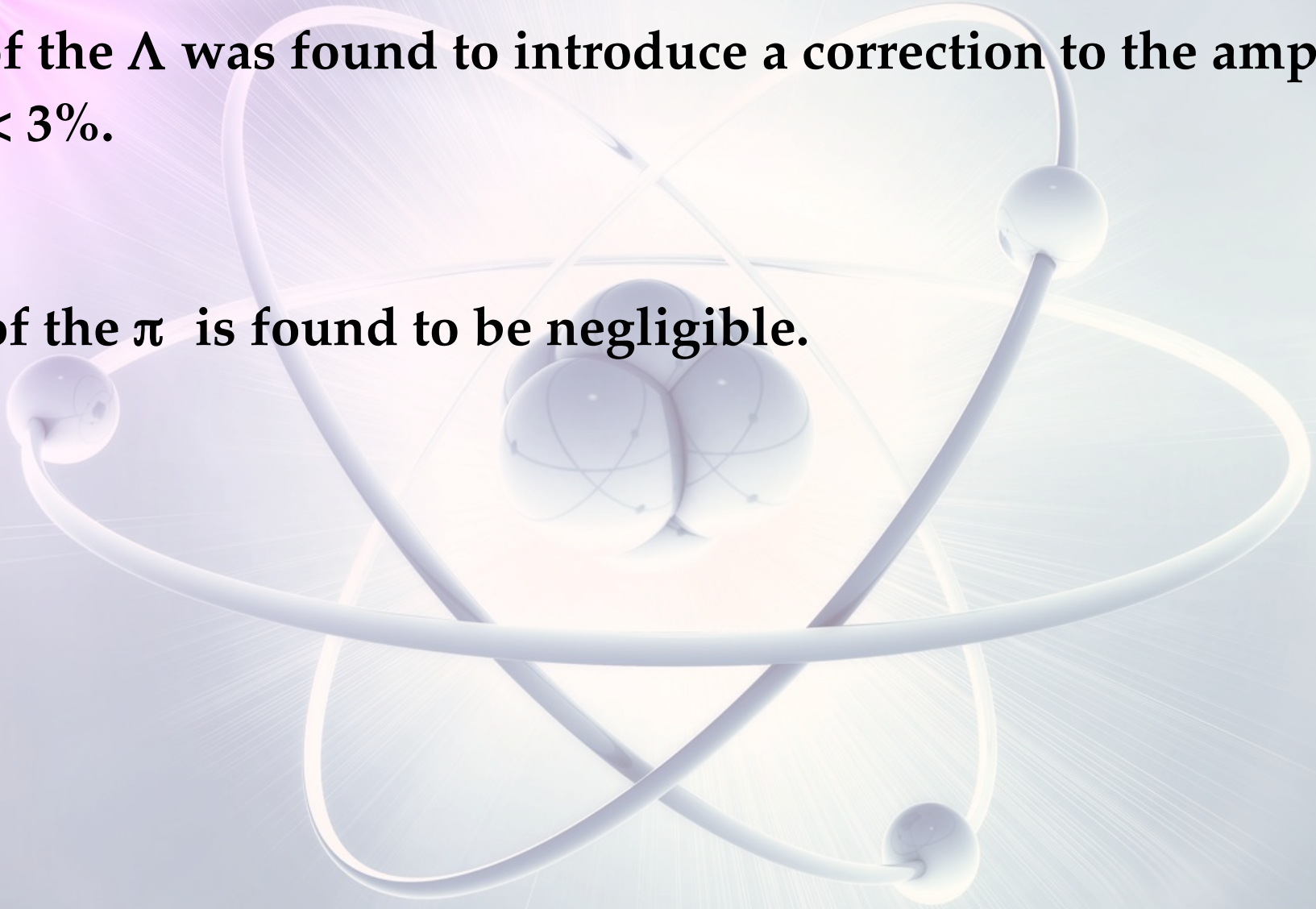
Background sources: - $\Lambda \pi^-$ events from $\Sigma p/n \rightarrow \Lambda p/n$ conversion

- $\Lambda \pi^-$ events from $K^- \ ^{12}\text{C}$ absorptions in Isobutane

Further background sources

K^-

- a) FSI of the Λ was found to introduce a correction to the amplitude $< 3\%$.
- b) FSI of the π is found to be negligible.



$K^- \text{ } ^4\text{He} \rightarrow \Lambda \pi^- \text{ } ^3\text{He}$ background

- $\Sigma \text{ p/n} \rightarrow \Lambda \text{ p/n}$ conversion:

Each possible conversion channel was simulated

$\Sigma^0 \text{ p} / \Sigma^0 \text{ n} / \Sigma^+ \text{ n} /$ At-rest / In-flight / from RES and N-R produced Σs

- $\Lambda \pi^-$ events from $K^- \text{ } ^{12}\text{C}$ absorptions in Isobutane (90% He, 10% C_4H_{10}):

$K^- \text{ } ^{12}\text{C}$ DATA in the KLOE DC wall are used

estimated contribution:

$$\%(K^- \text{ } ^{12}\text{C}) = 0.44 \pm 0.13$$

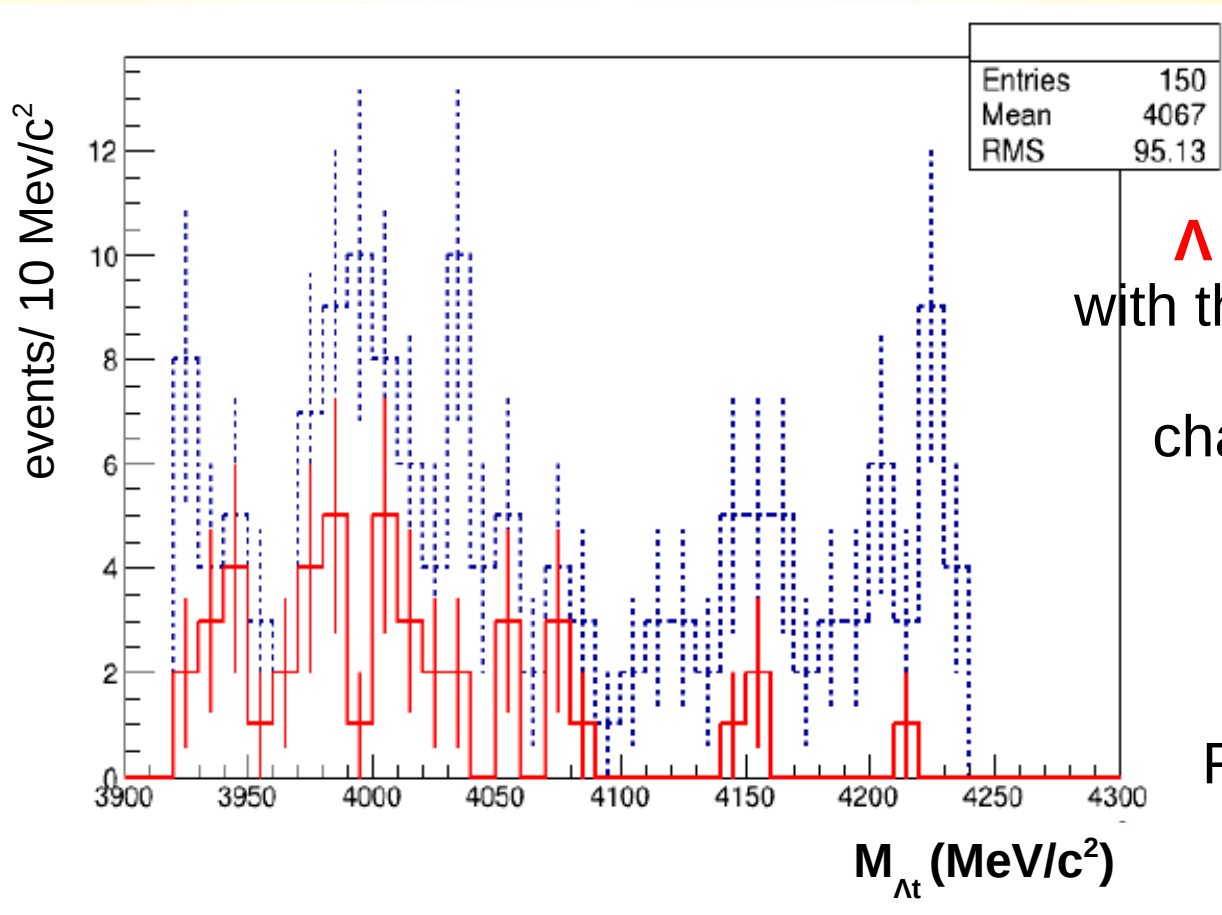
$$N_{\text{KC}}/N_{\text{KHe}} = (n_{\text{KC}}/n_{\text{KHe}}) \cdot (\sigma_{\text{KC}}/\sigma_{\text{KHe}}) \cdot (\text{BR}_{\text{KC}}(\Lambda \pi^-)/\text{BR}_{\text{KHe}}(\Lambda \pi^-))$$

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$K^- \text{ } ^{12}\text{C}$ not calculated:

- uncertain initial state of K meson $l_{\text{K}} = 1, 2, 3$
- 4 nucleons in s-orbit, 8 nucleons in p-orbit
- final state hyperon interactions

Λt correlation studies.. the background



$\Lambda t - p$ vertices are searched with the same selection criteria for p

characterized by lower energy due to:

BE of the absorbing α
+
FSI of Y/t with the residual

Red points – events containing an **extra proton** (not possible in pure ^4He)

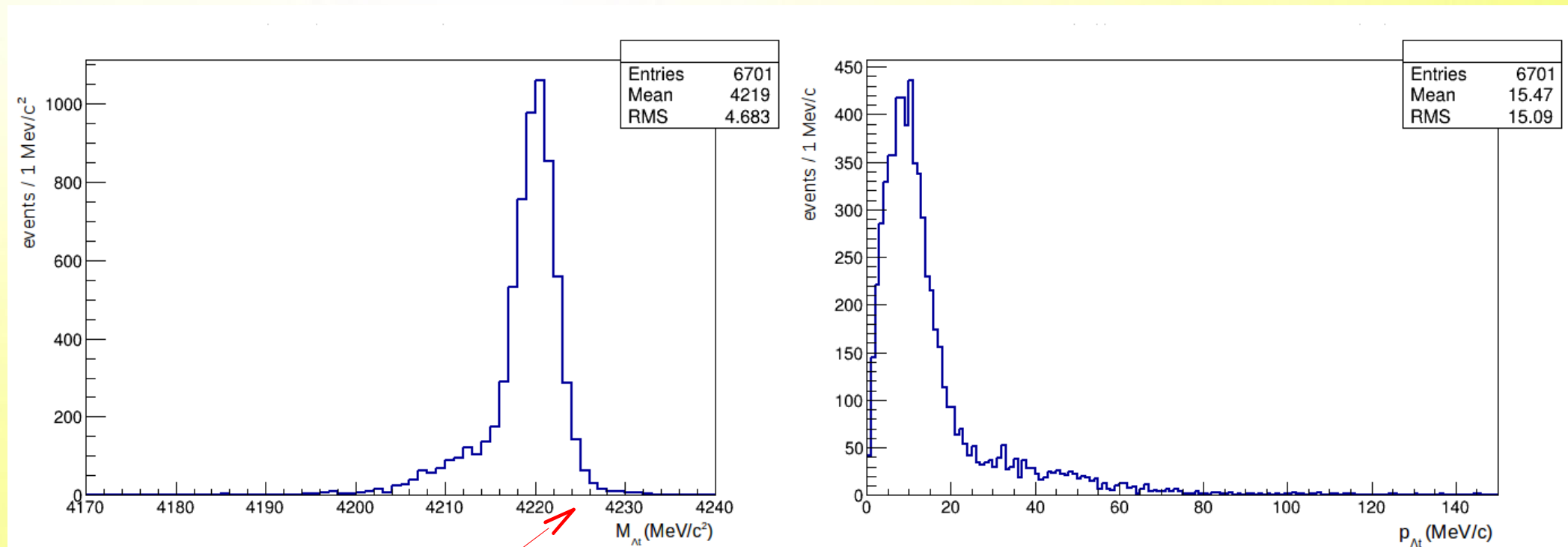
→ K^- ^{12}C captures in isobutane

MC simulations: $K^- 4NA$ in ${}^4\text{He}$ at-rest

$$E_i = E_f = \sqrt{m_\Lambda^2 + P^2} + \sqrt{m_t^2 + P^2} = 4221\text{MeV}/c^2 \rightarrow$$

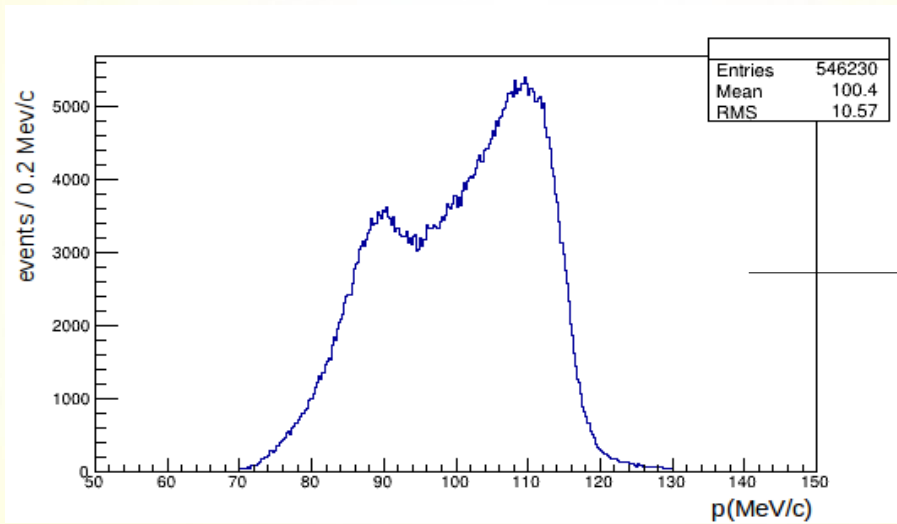
$$|P| = |p_\Lambda| = |p_t| = 711.7\text{MeV}/c$$

kinematics is closed

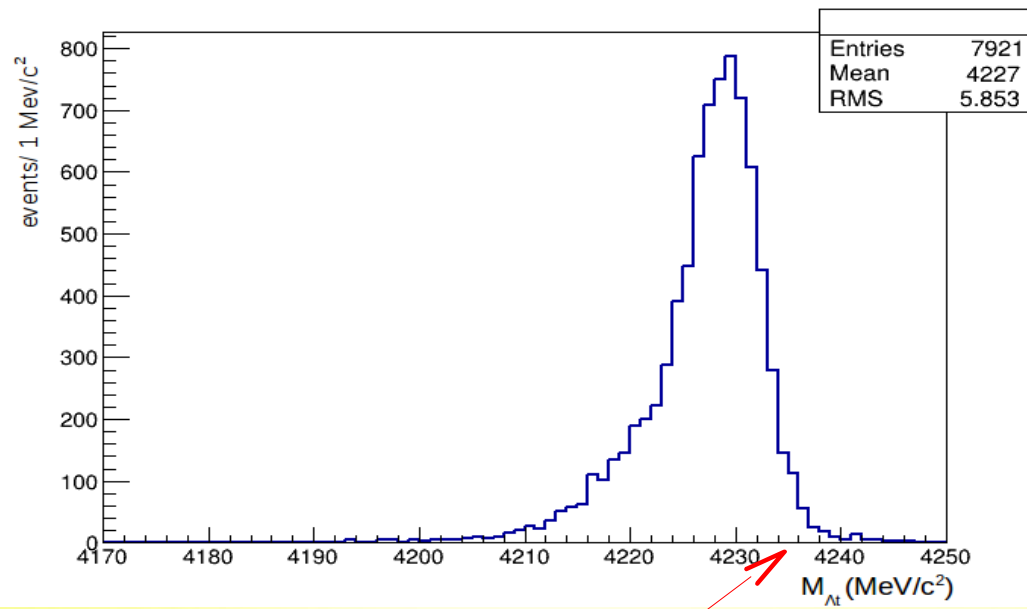


Lower mass threshold

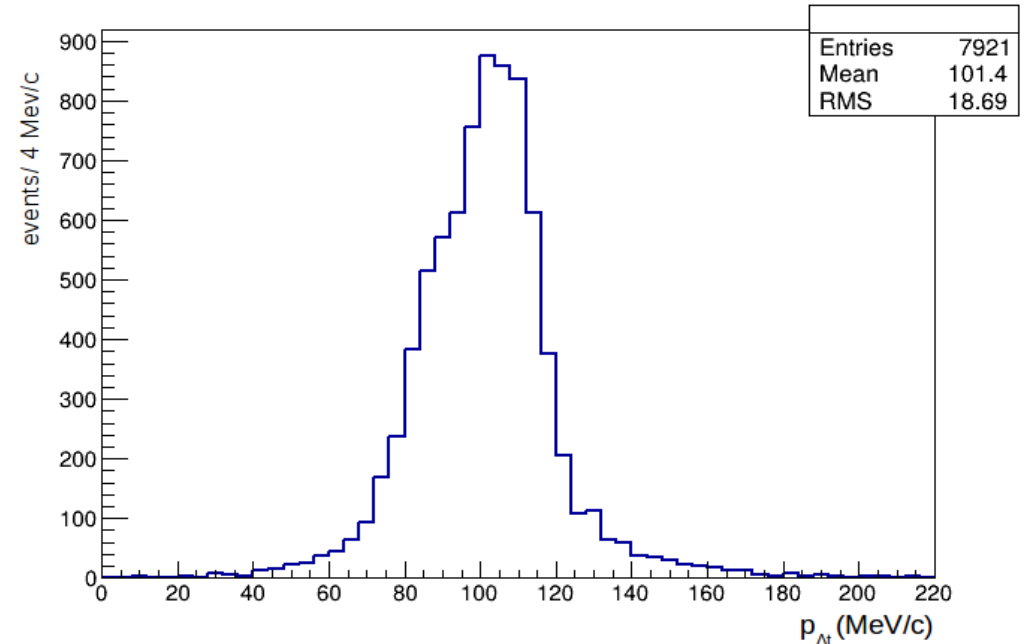
MC simulations: K^- 4NA in ${}^4\text{He}$ in-flight



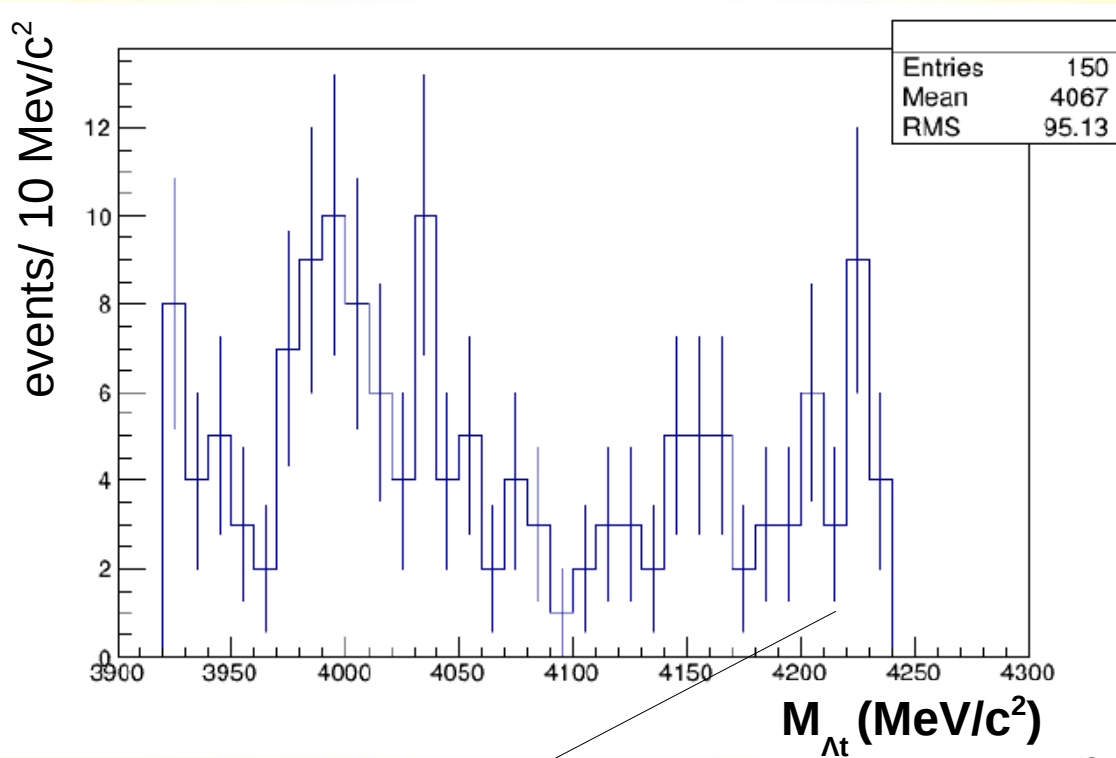
Measured K^- momentum at the last point of the track
(in absorption events)
used as an input for the simulation



higher mass threshold



Λt correlation studies in ^4He from the DC gas

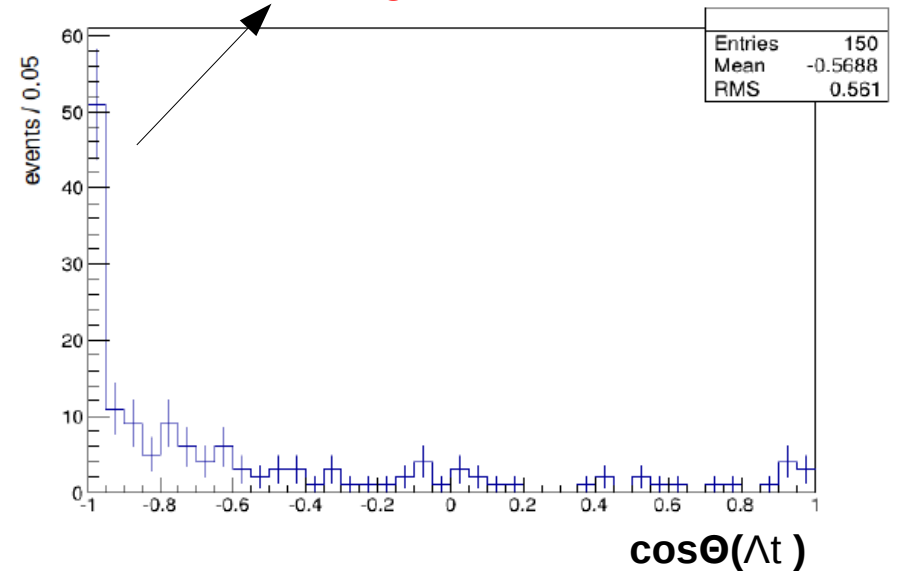


back-to-back Λt events

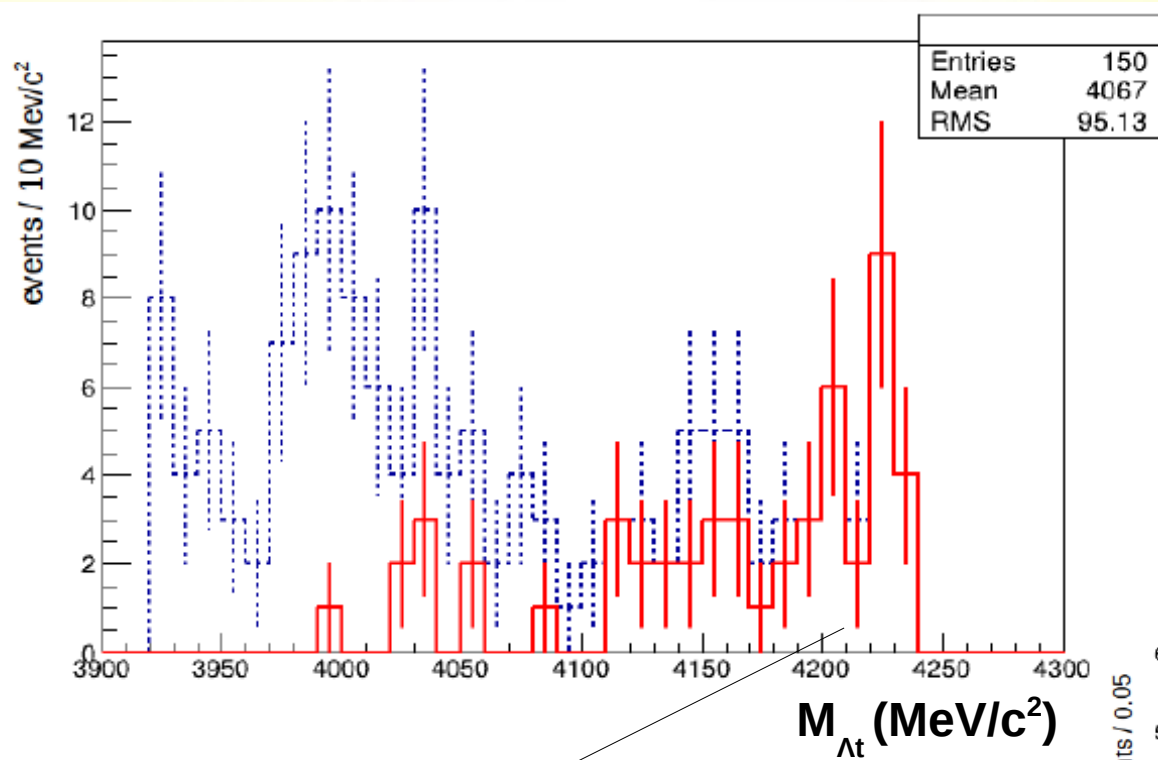
from 4NA

4NA process :

- highest part of invariant mass spectrum
- back-to-back topology



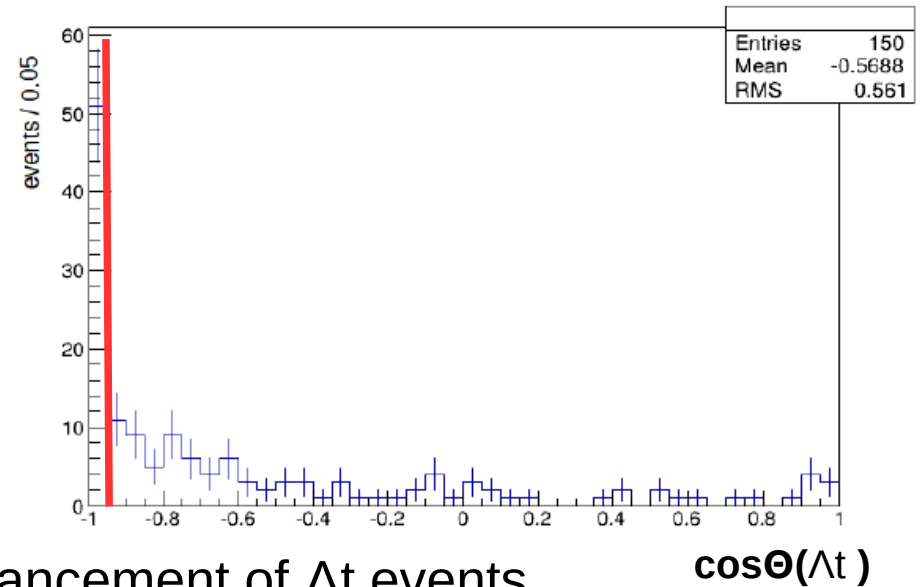
At correlation studies in ^4He from the DC gas



red line -
back to back events
($\cos\Theta_{\Lambda t} < -0.95$)

4NA process :

- highest part of invariant mass spectrum
- back-to-back topology



Clear back-to-back enhancement of Λt events

$\cos\Theta(\Lambda t)$

BR calculation

$$\text{BR} = \frac{N(\Lambda)_{\text{tag,fit}} / \text{eff}(\Lambda)_{\text{tag}} / \text{BR}(\Lambda \rightarrow p \pi^-)}{N(K^+_{\text{tag}}) \cdot \%K_{\text{stop}}}$$

$$N(K^+_{\text{tag}}) = L_{\text{lum}} \times \sigma_{e^+e^- \rightarrow \Phi} \times \text{BR}(\Phi \rightarrow K^+K^-) \times c_{\text{tag}}$$

$$\text{BR}(\Lambda \rightarrow p \pi^-) = (63.9 \pm 0.5) \%$$

$$L_{\text{lum}} = 1.74 \text{ fb}^{-1}$$

$$\sigma_{e^+e^- \rightarrow \Phi} = 3.1 \text{ } \mu\text{b}$$

$$\text{BR}(\Phi \rightarrow K^+K^-) = (48.9 \pm 0.5) \%$$

$$c_{\text{tag}} = 0.2585 \pm 0.0002$$

Obtained by MC

$$K_{\text{stop,gas}} = (0.161 \pm 0.004) \%$$

Cross section calculation

$$\sigma = \frac{N(\Lambda t)_{\text{tag,fit}} / \text{eff}(\Lambda t)_{\text{tag}} / \text{BR}(\Lambda \rightarrow p \pi^-)}{N(K^+_{\text{tag}}) \cdot \%K_{\text{DECAY}} \cdot L_{\text{material}} \cdot n_{\text{centers,m}}}$$

$$n_{\text{centers,m}} = \frac{N_{\text{AV}}}{A_{\text{material}}} \cdot \rho_{\text{material}}$$

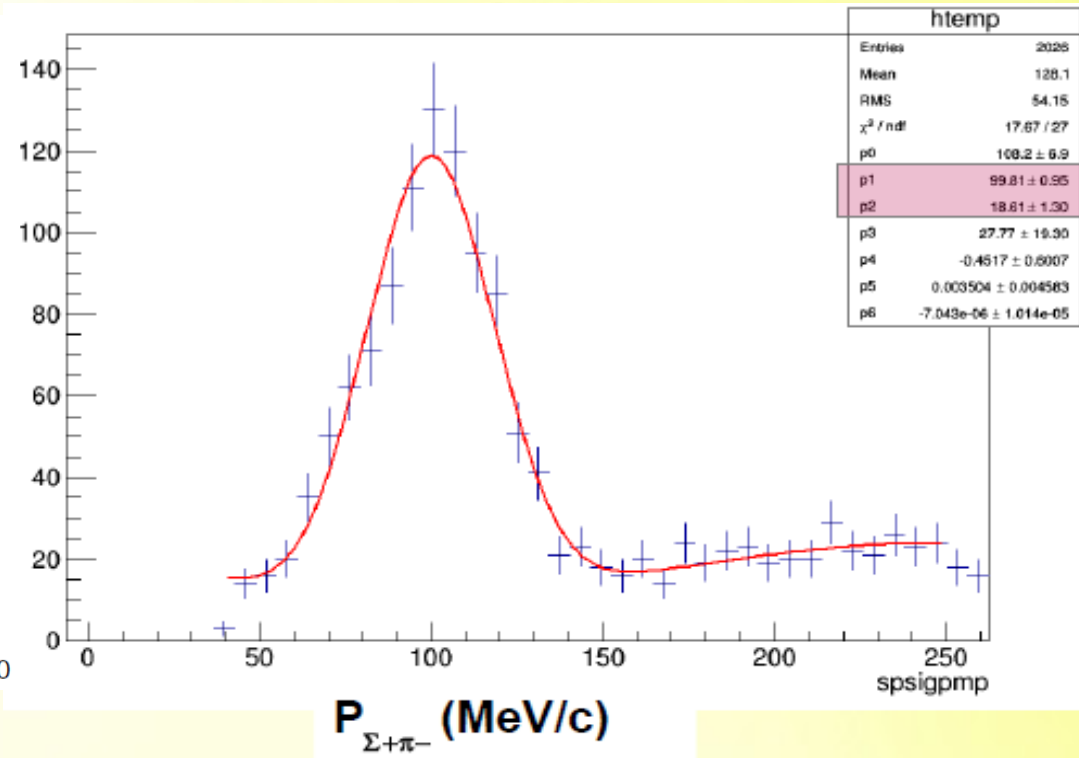
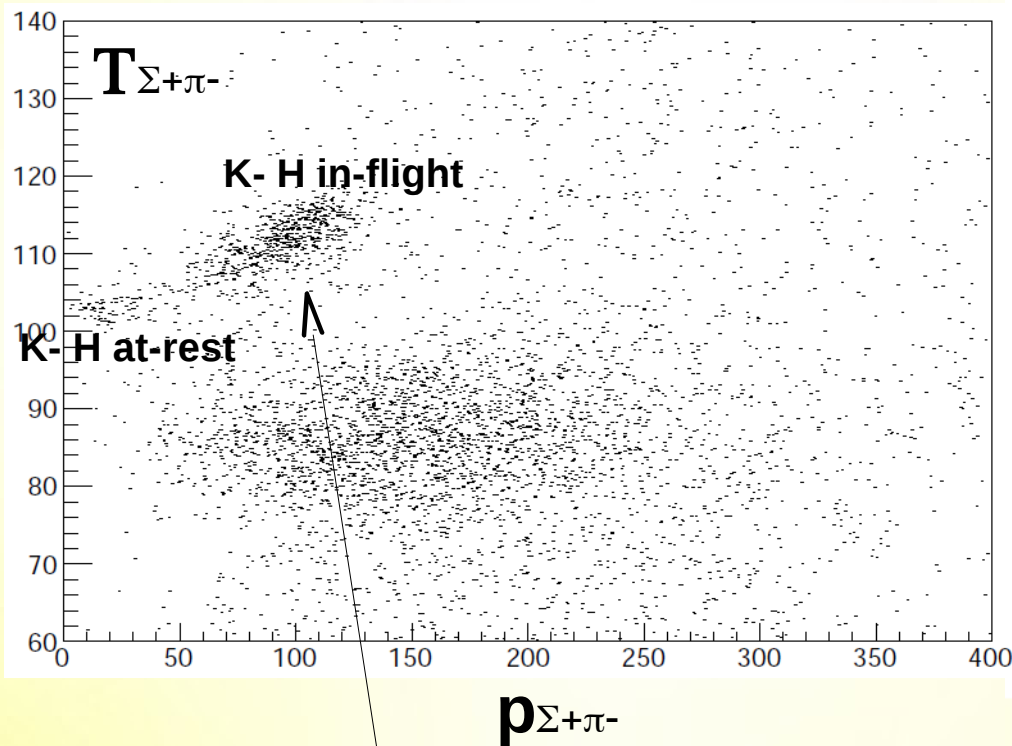
$N_{\text{AV}} = 6.022 \cdot 10^{23}$ - Avogadro number

$A_{\text{gas}} = 4.003 \text{ g}$ – atomic weight of ^4He

$\rho_{\text{gas}} = 0.4271 \cdot 10^{-3} \text{ g/cm}^3$ from which ^4He partial density was obtained

$L_{\text{gas}} =$ sum of lengths of 5 cm to take care of the kaon decay

Mean K- momentum at hadronic absorption in-flight



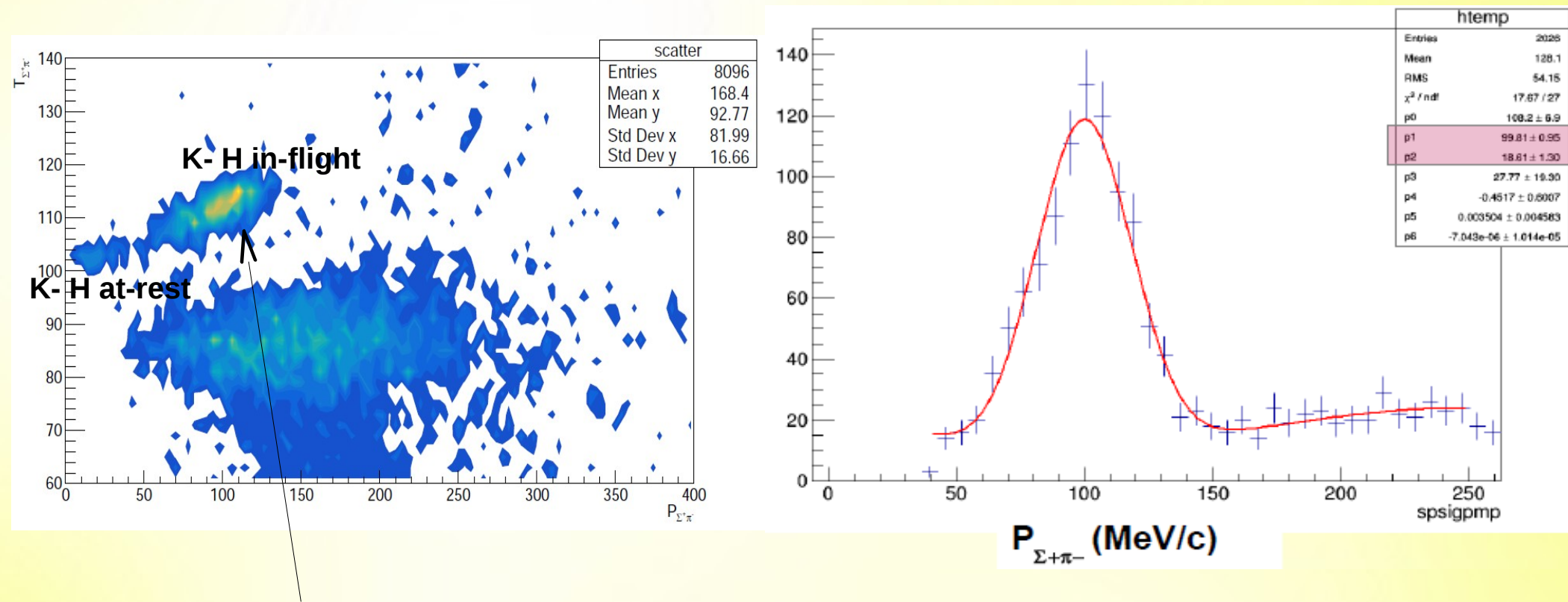
K- momentum when interacting in-flight in the DC gas, obtained by fitting the $\Sigma+\pi^-$ momentum spectrum, from K- H absorptions (H from C₄H₁₀), Gaussian + polynomial fit.

Advantages:

- P_K not dependent on the hadronic channel,
- high statistics
- good resolution

$$P_K = 99.81 \pm 18.81 \text{ MeV/c}$$

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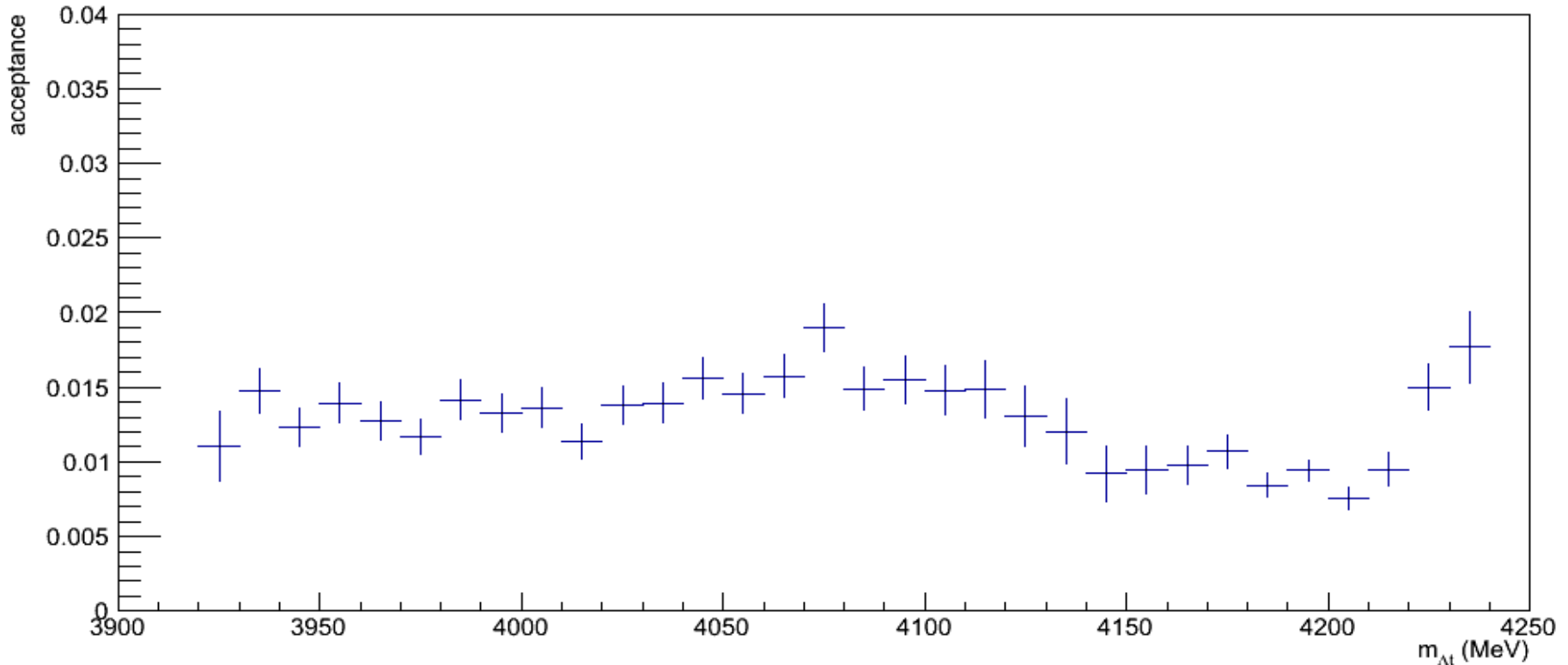
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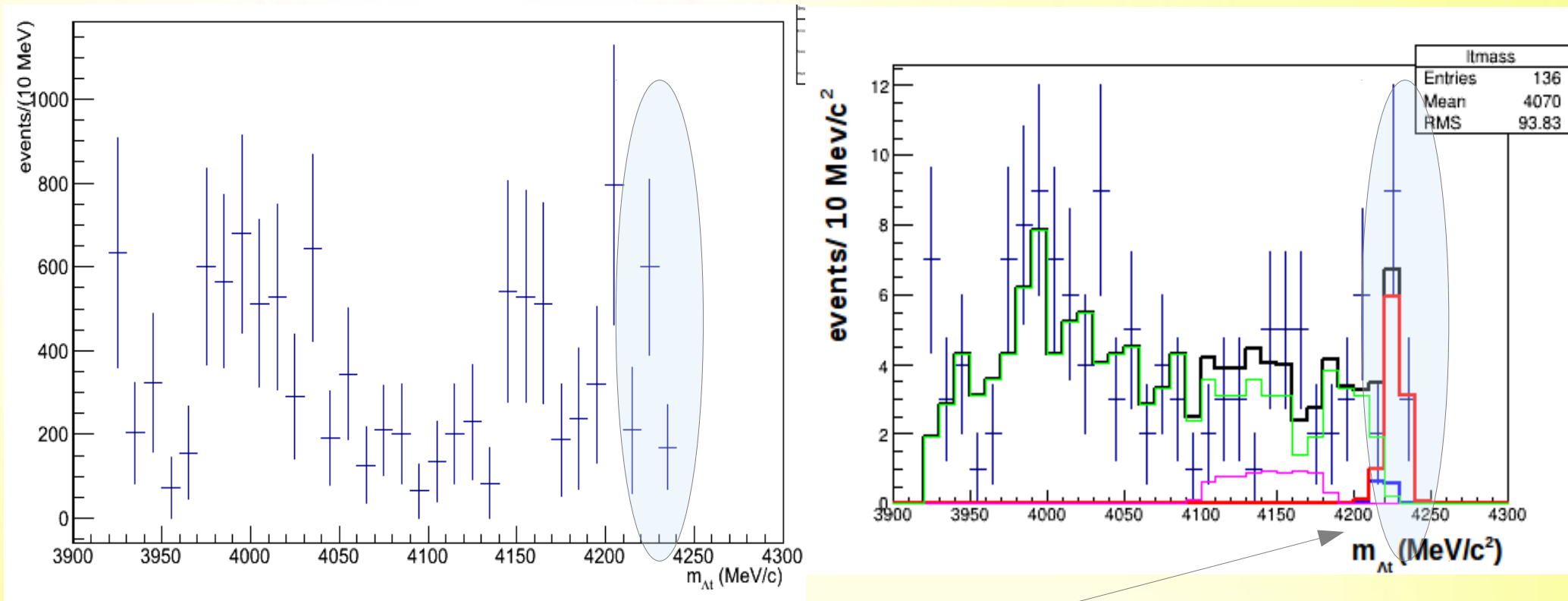
Λt invariant mass geometric + reconstruction acceptance



Obtained by simulating: K- 4NA absorptions on 4He (at-rest + in-flight)
K- 4NA absorptions on 12C (at-rest + in-flight) w. o. final state
K- 4NA absorptions on 12C (at-rest + in-flight) with final state of the lambda

In order to cover all the available phase space,
correlations maintained by conserving energy and momentum.
 2.5×10^5 simulated events.

Δt invariant mass geometric + reconstruction acceptance corrected



K- 4NA absorptions on 4He in-flight

Not significantly distorted